

**CITY OF BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS**  
**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT/REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**(DDRC) MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 22, 2019 4:00 p.m.**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

Mayor Mark Eckert	Present
Ken Kinsella, Alderman-Ward 1, Chairman	Present
Jeff Renner	Absent
Geri Boyer	Absent
Michael Nester	Present
Steve Hemmer	Present
Chuck Blanquart	Present
Amanda Schlecht	Present
Brett Baltz	Excused

**STAFF:**

Eric Schauster, Economic Development, Planning & Zoning Department Asst. Director  
Amy Toenjes, Economic Development Planning and Zoning Department Secretary

**GUESTS:** Michael Hagberg, Ron Phillips

The meeting of the Downtown Development/Redevelopment Commission (DDRC) met as scheduled at 4:00 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of City Hall, 101 S. Illinois Street.

Ken Kinsella, Chairman called the meeting in order after declaring that there was a quorum. After introducing the members present, Chairman Kinsella explained the emergency procedures.

Chairman Kinsella asked if there were any corrections to be noted for the March 11, 2019 meeting minutes. No changes were made. A motion was made by Amanda Schlecht and Seconded by Chuck Blanquart hence the minutes were approved.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**New Business:**

**1. Downtown Special Services Area Assistance Applications:**

**A) Ronnie Phillips, 207 East Main**

Eric Schauster, Assistant Director of Economic Development, Planning and Zoning explained Ronnie Phillips request of assistance funding to remodel his existing building located at 207 East Main Street. The improvements will include painting front and side of building, adding led lighting in the front of the building, and building a platform stage approximately 4 foot by 10 foot.

**A motion to accept the application was made for the facade improvement in the amount of \$16,000 by Steve Hemmer. It was seconded by Amanda Schlecht. All present members voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1) Discussion on Assistance Program**

A letter received from Steven McGuire owner of 120 West Main was distributed to the members, see attached for letter.

Mayor Eckert led a discussion on how to handle the Assistance Program going forward. Eric Schauster Assistant Economic Development, Planning and Zoning explained Mr. McGuire asked for his application to be reconsidered. Mr. Schauster also added he would like to clarify the parameters of the program. Mike Nester stated he would like to focus on permanent improvements to buildings and major improvements like a fire suppression system or a boiler, not cosmetic on the interior. It was suggested Chief Tom Pour and Building Commissioner Jeff Heidorn be invited to a future meeting to discuss code and safety issues. Mayor Eckert recommended all members look at the application and give feedback to Mr. Schauster for updates. Steven McGuire's application may be reconsidered if he so chooses.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no other business to discuss, Chairman Kinsella asked for a motion to adjourn.

**A motion to adjourn was made by Amanda Schlecht. It was seconded by Steve Hemmer. With all present members voting in the affirmative. Motion carried. 6-0.**

Chairman Kinsella adjourned the meeting at 4:59p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Toenjes, Secretary  
Economic Development, Planning, & Zoning Department

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Ken Kinsella, Alderman Ward 1, Chairman

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