

Sparta Downtown Development Authority  
MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 8, 2021  
SPARTA CIVIC CENTER

Meeting called to order at 7:45 am by Cheslek.

Members present: Shangle, Whalen, Lamb, Bush, Baker, Knauf, Carpenter, Freeland, Potes

Members Absent:, Jacobsen, Carpenter, Benham

Also Present: Elizabeth Morse, DDA Director; Maryann Wright, Events President, Dana Quick, Chamber President; Shay Gallagher, Village Manager

Motion to accept the DDA meeting minutes of May 11, 2021 by Potes, second by Freeland. All approved.

Motion to accept the finance report as presented by Whalen, second by Freeland. All approved.

**Public Comment – None**

**Unfinished Business**

A. Mural Program Update: the program is on pause for an application for the Microgrant from the State of Michigan that became an opportunity to match funds for the mural program. If awarded, the mural program may expand to include more artists. Regardless, the consensus was to approve and move forward with the Apple Tree mural and to find a location for it. Motion by Freeland, second by Whalen to move forward with the Apple Tree mural and find a location for it. Motion approved 9-0.

The board would like to consider other murals that were submitted after award notification of the microgrant.

B. Second Running with Scissors event will be held Wednesday, June 23 with 6 locations! Invitation extended to the board to attend!

C. General update of events for the summer including Town & Country changes.

**New Business**

**Public Comment –**

Discussion to add the garden by the Civic Center to the annual maintenance plan of the DDA contract for maintenance, the board did not see an issue with including it in the bid package moving forward.

Directors Report attached.

Meeting adjourned by executive privilege at 8:23 am.