

**CITY OF BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS**  
**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT/REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**(DDRC) MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 25, 2021, 4:00 p.m.**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

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

**GUEST ALDERMAN:**

None

**STAFF:**

Annissa McCaskill, Director of Residential & Commercial Development Services  
Eric Schauster, Economic Development, Planning & Zoning Department Asst. Director  
Jamie Maitret, Director of Finance  
Penny Moore, Secretary, Economic Development, Planning & Zoning Department

**GUESTS:**

None

The meeting of the Downtown Development/Redevelopment Commission (DDRC) met via phone conference as scheduled at 4:00 p.m. via teleconference.

Ken Kinsella, Chairman called the meeting in order after declaring that there was a quorum. After introducing the members present, emergency procedures were not explained due to no guests present.

Chairman Kinsella asked if there were any corrections to be noted for the November 23, 2020 meeting minutes. No changes were made. A motion was made by Michael Nester and Seconded by Steve Hemmer; hence the minutes were approved.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None

**New Business:**

**1. Discussion and possible motion on 2021-2022 Budget Year:**

Jamie Maitret explained the remaining and projected budget. She asked that the committee make any changes or inquiries on the budget by the February DDRC meeting. The Committee discussed the importance due to COVID-19 business closures of the marketing, Belleville Main Street and reimbursement to the Police Patrol budget line items. Ms. Maitret explained the bonds that the Downtown Development/Redevelopment Commission levied will be paid off in 2027.

**2. Discussion of Possible Downtown Improvements:**

A brief discussion was held on the future need to resurface Main Street from the original Streetscape from 2006. Mayor Eckert mentioned this will need to be completed in the next two to three years. The Committee also discussed the need for a bump-out railing to accommodate outdoor seating to be used by Margarita's, Bennie's

Pizza Pub, and Joe & Onie's restaurants. Eric Schauster mentioned that \$5,000.00 grants were issued to twelve (12) downtown businesses to assist with COVID-19 relief. Mayor Eckert added that many other business received DCEO grants, as well.

Mayor Eckert mentioned Ameren Illinois will be giving the City \$15,000.00 for pavement overlay for South High Street from East Main Street to Washington Street. Additionally, the City Engineer is preparing a cost estimate to repair the parking lot behind Ben's.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None


**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Renner. It was seconded by Geri Boyer. With all present members voting in the affirmative. Motion carried. 8-0.**

Chairman Kinsella adjourned the meeting at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Penny Moore  
Secretary  
Residential & Commercial Development Services

  
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Ken Kinsella, Alderman Ward 1, Chairman