

NOTES

TIFA Facade Grant Committee Meeting March 17, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Burrell called the TIFA Facade Grant Committee Meeting to order at 8:37 am. The meeting was held at City Hall located at 28 N. State Road, Newaygo, MI 49337.

Present: John Buckley Jr., Julie Burrell

Absent: Ed Fedell

Also Present: Jon Schneider, City Manager/TIFA Director, Kim Goodin, Secretary

Motion by Buckley Jr., second by Burrell to approve 12/09/2022 Meeting Minutes. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Motion by Buckley Jr., second by Burrell to approve up to the lesser amount of 50% of the total actual cost of the project, minus the cost of the mural, or \$6,498.58 for application submitted by 73 W. State Rd. AIF/MC Committee members discussed project at 73 W. State Rd. and said that they like the design of the proposed mural, included in project, but do not feel that art meets the criteria of the facade program guidelines. Burrell stated that there are other funding sources for public art and said that she will email the City a link to forward to Riverwalk Nutrition that contains information discussing grants available through the State for public art.

Motion by Buckley Jr., second by Burrell to approve up to the lesser amount of 50% of the total actual cost of the project or \$5,112.50 for application submitted by 65 W. State Rd. AIF/MC

Motion by Buckley Jr., second by Burrell to approve up to the lesser amount of 50% of the total actual cost of the project or \$1,590.00 for application submitted by 41 W. State Rd. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Schneider said that the City needs to amend the current Sign Ordinance. He said that based on Supreme Court rulings, signs cannot be based on content. Schneider and committee members discussed public art in regards to City Ordinances.

BOARD COMMENTS

Buckley Jr. said that he would encourage the City and Council to maintain character of downtown and entire City when looking to amend the Sign Ordinance.

Motion by Burrell, second by Buckley Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 am AIF/MC.