

**MEETING MINUTES
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA)**

**Tuesday, October 30, 2007
7:30 AM – 8:00 AM
Fremont City Hall
Council Chambers**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Vredeveld at 7:35 a.m.

Members Present:	Lon Vredeveld	DDA Chair
	Dusty Bitson	Downtown Business Owner
	Marianne Boerigter	Executive Director, Newaygo County Council for the Arts
	Rebecca Laing-Austin	Downtown Business Owner
	Lorna Kosztowny	Downtown Property Owner
	Gerry Rich	Downtown Business Owner
	Merle Ross	Downtown Business Owner
	James M. Rynberg	Fremont Mayor
	Ron Vliem	Executive Director, Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce

Members Absent:	Kim Deur	Downtown Property/Business Owner
	Rob Zeldenrust	DDA District Business Manager

Staff Present:	Michele Ribant	Fremont Neighborhood & Economic Development Director
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Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ron Vliem, seconded by Lorna Kosztowny, and carried to approve the minutes from the September 7, 2007 DDA meeting, as submitted.

Fremont Downtown Façade Improvement Program – Design Reviews

13 E. Main Street (The ArtsPlace)

Marianne Boerigter explained that she was seeking approval of the design for the front and rear façade work to be performed on the ArtsPlace building located at 13 E. Main Street. She indicated that the large pink sign on the front façade would come down. She went on to say that the colors for the facades were in keeping with the color scheme for the Fremont Façade Improvement Program. She reported that the paint colors for the front of the building would be off-white and avocado to complement the red brick. She reported that the brick on the rear façade was more of a blonde colored brick and that the ArtsPlace plans to paint the trim a Koffee color. There will be gooseneck lighting on the rear façade only, and those fixtures will be black.

Gerry Rich, the contractor for the façade renovation at 13 E. Main Street, and Marianne Boerigter, Executive Director for the ArtsPlace, both abstained from the vote due to their interest in the project.

A motion was made by Lorna Kosztowny, seconded by Merle Ross and carried to approve the design as presented for the front and rear facades of the building located at 13 E. Main Street.

Note: The grant funding was already approved for the 13 E. Main Street façade project, subject to design approval.

12 W. Main Street (Awards & More building)

Gerry Rich, on behalf of the Conflitti's, the property owners of 12 W. Main Street, sought design approval for the front and rear facades. Gerry Rich indicated that the brick on the building will be cleaned and tuck-pointed. In the rear of the building the garage doors will be replaced with a new entry door. He stated he is recommending that the colors of the trim for both the front and rear facades be a polished mahogany, that the awnings be a gold color and that the gooseneck lighting on both the front and the rear facades be a red color. He indicated that all the colors chosen for the trim, awnings, and lights will be in keeping with the colors outlined in the Façade Design Guidelines.

Gerry Rich abstained from the vote due to his interest in the project.

A motion was made by Merle Ross, seconded by Marianne Boerigter, and carried to approve the designs for the front and rear facades for the property located at 12 W. Main Street,.

Note 1: The DDA Public Art Subcommittee Chair has the authority to approve any color selections, if need be.

Note 2: The grant funding was already approved for the 12 W. Main Street façade project, subject to design approval.

Next DDA Meeting

The next DDA meeting will be held on an as needed basis.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the DDA, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 a.m.