

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA)

JOINT MEETING OF THE FAÇADE / HISTORIC PRESERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE AND THE PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

October 30, 2008
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Fremont City Hall
City Council Chambers

Call to Order

The Joint Meeting of the Façade/Historic Preservation Subcommittee and the Public Art Subcommittee was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

Members Present:	Marianne Boerigter Jeannie Caris Bonnie Erber Gerry Rich Ron Vliem	Director, Newaygo County Council for the Arts (chair) Public Art Subcommittee Member DDA Marketing Subcommittee Chair Downtown Property Owner Executive Director, Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce
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Members Absent:	Peter Lance Lori Layne James Rynberg Tom Schmidt	Community Member Fremont Post Master Fremont City Mayor Public Art Subcommittee Member
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Staff Present:	Michele Ribant	Neighborhood & Economic Development Director
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Presenter:	Paul Mellema	Paul Mellema Painting
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Update on Artwork for the Front Façade of the Moose Lodge – Dan McFadden

Mr. McFadden did not appear at the Subcommittee meeting; therefore, Michele Ribant said she would contact him to reschedule. She said that Mr. McFadden informed her that the estimate he received from Renae Wallace to do the artwork on the east windows of the Moose Lodge building was \$3,000 and even with the City match of \$1,500, he felt it was too expensive of an art project for the Moose Lodge. He intended to come before the Subcommittee to share a new idea for artwork for the Moose Lodge building.

Consideration of Funding Request – 20 E. Main Street (Murphy & Caris – Attorney at Law)

Paul Mellema, on behalf of the property owner, Ted Caris, requested grant funding through the Fremont Façade Improvement Program in the amount of \$600.00 for the side façade of 20 E. Main Street where the Murphy & Caris Law Office is located. The east side façade faces a walkway, so it is eligible for façade improvement program funding. Paul Mellema explained that the side façade would be painted to match the color paint on the nearby Springstead building. A sample paint color was shown to the Subcommittee; the paint color matched the color “Crewel Tan”, which is a color in the Façade Design Guidelines.

A motion was made by Bonnie Erber, seconded by Gerry Rich and carried to recommend to the Fremont City Council approval of the \$600.00 funding request through the Fremont Façade Improvement Program to fund the painting of the east side façade of the building located at 20 E. Main Street.

New Business

A discussion on the vacant storefronts/facades in downtown Fremont took place. It was decided that a team of individuals should clean up the windows and storefronts of the vacant buildings downtown. Ron Vliem will try to get a group of kids from the high school who need volunteer credits to assist with the clean-up. Michele Ribant will contact the owners of the buildings to obtain permission. Bonnie Erber will assist the day of the clean-up. The goal is to perform the clean up in early to mid November.

Bonnie Erber suggested that the Subcommittee write to Fremont High School alumni and invite them to give back to their hometown community. She suggested doing a direct mail campaign as a fundraiser for the public art mural for the Fremont Cooperative Produce Company. Michele Ribant is to look into whether there is money in the budget to cover the cost. She indicated that she highly doubts there is any in this years' budget.

Bonnie Erber said that the Public Art Subcommittee was going to sponsor a booth at the Market Pavilion the night of the Christmas Stroll. She explained that the Subcommittee may sell hot cider, hot chocolate and holiday bake goods the night of the Christmas Stroll. Some ornaments would also be sold. The proceeds will go towards funding the Cooperative Produce Art Mural. Bonnie Erber, Jeannie Caris and Michele Ribant volunteered to man the booth from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on Friday, December 5, 2008.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.