

Meeting Minutes
Fremont Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

Thursday, August 28, 2008
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Fremont City Hall
Training Room

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. by chair Lon Vredeveld.

Members Present:	Lon Vredeveld	DDA Chair
	Marianne Boerigter	Executive Director, Newwaygo County Council for the Arts
	Rebecca Laing-Austin	Downtown Business Owner
	Gerry Rich	Downtown Property Owner
	Merle Ross	Downtown Business Owner
	James M. Rynberg	Fremont Mayor
	Ron Vliem	Executive Director, Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce
	Chris Youker	Downtown Business/Property Owner
Members Absent:	Kim Deur	Downtown Business/Property Owner
	Bob Stehouwer	Downtown Business/Property Owner
	Rob Zeldenrust	DDA District Business Manager
Staff Present:	Michele Ribant	Fremont Neighborhood & Economic Development Authority
Guests Present:	Bonnie Erber	DDA Marketing Subcommittee Chair
	Dan McFadden	Moose Lodge #1555, Administrator
	Ken Van Keuren	Moose Lodge #1555, Governor

Opening Remarks

Chair Vredeveld thanked the DDA for their attendance at the meeting that was called on short notice. He indicated that the DDA is trying to accommodate the Moose Lodge. He said the Moose Lodge wants to improve its front and rear facades before the Fall Harvest Festival, so the Moose needed to obtain approvals via the Fremont Façade Improvement Program for grant funding in a timely fashion.

Fremont Façade Improvement Program Funding Request (Moose Lodge – 15 W. Main Street)

Dan McFadden, Administrator of Moose Lodge #1555, requested grant funding through the Fremont Façade Improvement Program for both the front and rear facades in the following amounts:

- Front façade: \$6,273.00
- Rear façade: \$ 750.00

Total Funding Request: \$7,023.00

Dan McFadden outlined that the Moose Lodge was proposing to do the following with the grant award, if approved:

- Replace 7 upstairs windows (front façade)
- Replace 3 street level windows (front façade)
- Replace entryway doors with glass panel doors (front façade)
- Paint and repair front façade (e.g., repair molding) (front façade)
- Clean and polish copper awning (front façade)
- Paint and stain rear façade (rear façade)

Dan McFadden indicated that the paint colors selected for the project are in keeping with the Façade Improvement Design Guidelines. Marianne Boerigter showed the DDA the design boards with the colors that were selected, which are as follows:

Front Façade

Redwood Dark Red S.W. 2801

Crewel Tan S.W. 0011

Antigua White S.W. 6119

Back Façade

Morris Room Grey S.W. 0037

Kaffee S.W. 6104

White Hyacinth S.W. 0046

Marianne Boerigter reported that the DDA Façade/Historic Preservation Subcommittee is recommending to the full DDA approval of the designs for the front and rear facades for the property located at 15 W. Main Street and of the funding in the amount of \$6,273.00 for the front façade and \$750.00 for the rear facade, subject to the Moose Lodge #1555 incorporating artwork on the front west windows of the building and that the Subcommittee approve the artwork.

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 15 W. Main Street and of the funding in the amount of \$6,273.00 for the front façade and \$750.00 for the rear façade, subject to the Moose Lodge #1555 incorporating artwork on the front west first floor windows of the building and that the DDA Subcommittee approve the artwork and subject to approval of the contracts by the Fremont City Council.

Status of Funding Requests for Fremont Façade Improvement Grant Program

Marianne Boerigter reported that the Artsplace has completed the work on its facades. She indicated that the City has contacted the Zharts and the Conflittis to advise them of when their time for grant funding expires. She went on to say that four other property owners have taken advantage of the program over the last two years and that the Moose's request for funding, if granted, will come out of the 2008/2009 DDA budget.

Mr. McFadden indicated he was planning on having the design of the artwork that would be included in the west window openings on the first floor front façade be of the history of the Moose Lodge or something with a historic theme. He indicated that he would come in at a later date for approval of the improvements to the two west window openings that is to include the artwork. He said that he will also consider adding goose neck lighting to the front façade.

Adjournment

There being no other business of the DDA, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 a.m.