

July 3, 2024
Downtown Development Authority
Village of Bellevue – Meeting Minutes

The Bellevue Downtown Development Authority meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. by Chairperson McMillon.

Roll Call:

Present: M. Pennington, H. McMillon, M. Smith, N. Roberts, M. Bartzten

Absent: L. Pfiester, C. Carpenter, K. Sparks

N. Roberts moved to approve the minutes from the June 5, 2024, meeting seconded by M. Smith. Motion carried.

The board further discussed the Farmer's Market. It was discussed that designated spots were needed in the feather flags that advertise the Farmer's Market to avoid tripping hazards. N. Roberts volunteered to go down to the park and take pictures of a few spots for the board to approve the placement of flags. It was also discussed that Miss Dig must be called once the two spots were approved before putting flag holders into the ground. M. Pennington will call Miss Dig when it is time. N. Roberts suggested waiving the Farmer's Market fee once a month to try to get more vendors involved. N. Roberts moved to make July 25, 2024, a tryout day for waiving the Farmer's Market Vendor fee, seconded by M. Smith.

We currently still have a vacant seat. There has been some interest in the past, but no one has moved forward with asking to join. The board will continue to invite people interested in joining, but at this point, it is not urgent as we have eight committed board members.

The Façade Grant was discussed, and it was time to start advertising it on Facebook to put the word out for new businesses to apply. M. Bartzten also updated us on her progress with the grant funds that were given. Work has been completed, and we are waiting for the pictures to be done. It was discussed that photos should be taken with a giant check poster to post on the DDA Facebook page. The pictures do not have to be done until the end of August. Further discussion of the oversized check poster being purchased will be held at the August meeting.

The last item on the agenda concerned the community's confusion about the DDA and its operations. N. Roberts mentioned that the advertisement flyers for DDA events are sent through Village newsletters and billings. Further discussion is needed on how this will be mailed out going forward.

H. McMillon moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 a.m., seconded by M. Pennington. Motion carried.