



PUBLIC LIGHTING AUTHORITY OF DETROIT

Regular Meeting

June 5, 2013

Committee of the Whole

Coleman A. Young Municipal Center

5:00 pm

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Maureen Stapleton
Marvin Beatty
Cedric Dargin

Excused Absences:

John Davis
Mike Einheuser

Others in Attendance:

Ron Lipscomb (Allen Law Group)
Peter Van Dyke (Berg Muirhead & Associates)
Sonya Mays (City of Detroit)
Richard Tenney (City of Detroit)
Kenneth Shapiro (Consulting Engineering Association)
William "Chris" Andrews
Patricia Carter (Oakman Blvd. Community Association)
Josh Elliott (Jefferson East Business Association)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Public Lighting Authority was held on June 5, 2013 in the Committee of the Whole of the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center. Maureen Stapleton welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted by Michael Einheuser, board secretary and members in attendance included: Maureen Stapleton, Marvin Beatty, John Davis (via cell phone: 5:20-5:45 pm), Cedric Dargin (not present) and Michael Einheuser.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Executive Director Search

The Board of Directors had previously interviewed two (2) candidates for the Executive Director position on Saturday, May 25th, and decided to make a decision on or around June 12, 2013

B. Communications update/Peter Van Dyke share with the Board the progress and updates on various media communication including:

- Logo & Stationary drafts
- a draft of the business card (with phone number to be determined)
- Community Meeting Flier
- Content for the website
- Publicity and regular advertisement in the Michigan Chronicle

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Marvin Beatty moved to accept the meeting minutes of May 8 and May 22, 2013

Cedric Dargin seconded

Motion carried to approve the meeting minutes of May 8 and May 22, 2013.

VI. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Patricia Carter of the Oakman Blvd. Community Association provided a list of missing poles and lights out and shared that her association worked with Focus Hope, and Boston Edison Association.

Josh Elliott, Jefferson-East Business Association and East Jefferson Corridor Collaborative. Several months ago Beau Taylor from the Mayor's Office mentioned that they had a company putting up a free trial solar-powered street light. National LED Solutions and invited everyone present out



to JAZZ'N ON JEFFERSON the following week to observe the lighting.

Ken Shapiro of Consultant Engineering Associates stated that DTE has very little experience in street lighting in the City of Detroit. Mr. Shapiro also stated, that it was not a foregone conclusion that DTE is going to provide the power for the street lights. But power could be purchased from Ontario Hydro, if you want; and it could be bought from anyone who's on the grid. So that's where a potential conflict of interest might be.

Richard Tenney of the Public Lighting Department City of Detroit shared with the Board that the Public Lighting Department:

- Was kind of in a limbo-like situation; because it's quite possible that the lights they want installed are outside of where the PLA plan is;
- as a result, they were holding off on doing things;
- trying to fix all the existing lights, but not looking at putting new lights out until your plan is officially approved and in place.
- on any given day we have roughly nine crews working.
- We had no vehicles on the road for the re-lamping- in the second week of May all of the trucks went down pretty much in three days, and it took three-and-a-half weeks to get the trucks back on the road.
- He was not aware of any parts that were unavailable for any of the lighting fixtures

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Cedric Dargin moved to go into Closed Session.

Marvin Beatty seconded

Motion carried

The regular meeting adjourned @ 6:30 to go into Closed Session.