

**MINUTES  
OWOSSO DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MEETING OF May 6, 2009**

Chairman Hankerd called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

**Roll Call.**

**Members Present:** Barb Bucsi, Richard Collins, Mayor Bruff, Bill Gilbert, John Hankerd, Linda Moiles, Krista Strong, Susan Treen, Michael Rice.

**Members Absent:**

**Others Present:** Brent Morgan, Natalie Burg, Joseph Fivas, Renita Mikolajczyk

**Review and Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of the April 1, 2009 meeting were approved.

Motion Adopted: Bucsi/Gilbert m/s/p

**Citizens Comments**

None.

**Financial Status and Reports for January 2009**

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**Citizen Comments.**

-NONE-

**Items of Business.**

**A) Invoices to be Paid.** The following invoices were approved for payment:

**Operations Budget**

Postmaster (Newsletter Mailing) .....\$ 32.00  
The Bake Shop (Seminar Coffee & Bagels).....\$ 18.00

Total:.....\$ 50.00

Motion adopted: Gilbert/Bruff m/s/p

**B) Main Street Select Level Application**

Director Morgan reviewed the submitted Main Street Application with the Board of Directors and passed around a copy application for their review. A Main Street Select Level Information Meeting was held on Friday April 17, 2009 at City Hall. The meeting was a huge success and those that attended were excited and eager to become active volunteers on future Owosso Main Street Committees. A powerpoint presentation was given that reviewed the details of the program. Listed below are those that attended the meeting:

Stakeholder	Organization/Business/Position
Michael Bruff	Mayor of Owosso/Civille Real Estate/ DDA Board Member
Susan Treen	Bake Shop & Coffee House/ DDA Board Member
Mike Rice	Game Knights Entertainment/DDA Board Member
Steven Sobak	Sobak's Home Medical
Brian Berry	Preservation Owosso/Resident
Linda Keenan	Owosso Community Players
Arvid Warstler	Funny Pages Hobbies
Brad & Barbara Butcher	Hero Signs
Morgan Smith	Mootzie's Gallery
Steve Gill	J&S Firestone
Dave & Diane Acton	The Transformation Network
Eric White	Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce
Lorraine Weckwert	Resident
Bozeina Biennos	Resident

Copies of the powerpoint presentation were provided to the board.

Director Morgan thanked Natalie Burg for all her work on the Main Street Application along with congratulating her on recently completing her thesis and receiving her Masters of Public Administration Degree from Eastern Michigan University.

**C) Downtown Newsletter**

The Board of Directors reviewed the new edition of the Owosso Vibe which is ready to print. Chairman Hankerd requested the Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 2009 Mid-Michigan Custom Car Show sponsored by the DDA be added to the newsletter. The Board concurred that the newsletter should go to print.

**D) Owosso Community Pride Week**

Natalie Burg reviewed the events and projects that will be undertaken during Community Pride Week. Discussion was held regarding what project the DDA would undertake. The Board decided to perform a downtown clean-up.

**E) Update: Vibrant Small Cities Initiative Grant Projects #3 & #4**

Director Morgan reported that the Vibrant Small Cities Initiative Grant Project #3 Downtown Streetscape and Public Greenspace would begin the second week in May. The preconstruction meeting with Perrin Construction will be held on May 8, 2009. Weekly meetings would be held with the contractor, city administration and business owners on a weekly basis.

The Board was updated on the status of the Lebowsky Center Project and the fact that they were unable to meet the grant match request at the present time. Discussion was held regarding the recent council meeting.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Motion adopted: Hankerd/Busci m/s/p

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Brent D. Morgan, Secretary