

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 5, 2008**

The Organizational meeting of the Downtown Development Authority was held on Tuesday, February 5, 2008, at the City of Grant Municipal Offices located at 280 S Maple St, Grant, MI.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:01pm.
2. Attendance:  

PRESENT: Kelly Pangburn, Harold Portell, Chris Sorden, Lori Gardner, Jon Swinehart, Wayne Webster, Terry Fett - Chairman, and Suzanne VanWieren.  
OTHERS PRESENT: Doug La Fave-City Manager, Sherry Powell– Assistant City Manager/Clerk, and Rich Blachford-Newaygo City Manager.  
EXCUSED: Dennis Nelson - Co-Chair  
ABSENT: None
3. Review Draft of Bylaws  

**Motion:** Made by Harold Portell to approve the draft of the proposed Bylaws. Second by Kelly Pangburn  
Motion carried unanimously.
4. Questions and Answer Session with Rich Blachford from Newaygo  

Rich Blachford made some suggestions including the transition from smaller projects in the beginning to eventually offering programs for façade improvements when we are able to leverage funds to maximize our efforts. He also recommended that the City Commission look into eventually forming a Principle Shopping District (PSD.)
5. Development & Finance Plans: Some work will be done to begin putting these together. We will invite Andy Lofgren from NCEDO to our meeting I April to help facilitate the process.
6. Adjournment:  
The Board adjourned without objection at 6:30p.m.

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Chairperson Terry Fett

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Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk