

A regular meeting of the Alma Downtown Development Authority (ADDA) was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. at the Alma Municipal Building. **A quorum of the Authority was not present.**

**Authority members present:** Greg Mapes (ex-officio), Brent Moeggenberg, Canyon Platt, Andy Shafley, and Ken Solomon.

**Authority members absent:** Joe Ahern, Stacey Ensz, Carol Freed, Nancy Gallagher, Ken Kline, Donna Kolar, and Katie Tobias.

**Also present:** Aeric Ripley, and Sara Anderson.

DDA Director Aeric Ripley brought the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. As a quorum of the Authority was not present, Ripley explained no official action could be taken, but they could discuss the items on the agenda.

Ripley first reviewed financial statements and asked for feedback. Mapes asked if the report headings could be changed to more accurately reflect time frames.

Ripley asked if anyone noted necessary corrections or changes to the minutes from the last meeting. No changes were noted.

Ripley provided information he had gathered in response to questions from the City Commission about the tree proposal recommendation. Commissioners had asked Ripley to reach out to colleges and local agencies for additional options. Ripley said he had spoken with a professor from the MSU Urban Forestry Department. She has reviewed the proposal and thinks they may be able to provide the requested services as a community engagement project for students during the spring term. Ripley said she is reaching out to her department about a budget, but he expects to hear back from her shortly.


Authority Member Platt expressed concern about students handling the project. Discussion followed about liability and accountability. Members also talked about types of trees, removal and rotation schedules, and existing tree boxes.

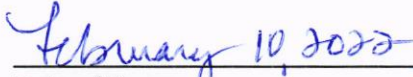
Ripley moved on to the issue of trash receptacles in the downtown area. The City's solid waste collection contract will be out for bids in a few months. Ripley explained the number of trash bins would need to be addressed in the upcoming contract. Members agreed they want to see the number of trash cans returned to 24 downtown. Ripley will look into prices for purchasing 24 cans.

Ripley then explained the City Commission would be considering final approval of an ordinance approving ground floor residential units not in the front half of commercial buildings. Discussion followed.

The last item for discussion was downtown murals. Ripley said KAB is looking at a policy and procedures for approval of "public art". Brief discussion followed. Ripley answered questions about studio apartments.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting ended at 6:47 p.m.

  
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Sara Anderson, Alma City Clerk

  
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