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Whereas, City staff have determined that the cost to replace these street lights will be \$516,000, which will include new decorative poles with banner brackets and LED light fixtures, including two poles that will be taller to accommodate banners being strung across Main Street for special events;

Whereas, Through the 2013/14 budget approval process it was determined that the City would undertake this street light replacement in calendar year 2013, with the DDA allocating \$300,000 toward the cost of the project, and the City allocating \$216,000;

Resolved, The DDA authorizes a grant to the City in the amount of \$300,000 toward the total project costs to replace deteriorated street lights on S. Main Street.

Ms. Pollay said that the light poles along Main Street are deteriorating from within and are in need of replacement. During the budget process City Council directed the DDA to allocate \$300,000 toward the cost of the project. Mr. Clark asked if the money would come from the TIF fund. Ms. Pollay said it would. Mr. Clark suggested an amendment to the resolution to identify the money as coming from TIF. The amendment was seen as friendly. The resolution, as amended:

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**A vote on the resolution as amended showed:**

AYES: Clark, Collins, Guenzel, Gunn, Hewitt, Lowenstein, Orr, Smith, Split

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Hieftje, Mouat, Nassif

ABSTAIN: none

**The resolution passed.**

Art Fair Trolley. Mr. Hewitt moved and Mr. Collins supported the following resolution.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR THE ART FAIR TROLLEY**

Whereas, the DDA Plan directs the DDA to encourage programs that promote activity and pedestrian enjoyment of downtown by encouraging an active street life, including public art and exhibits, and the regular use of public areas for entertainment, parades or street fairs;

Whereas, The Ann Arbor Art Fair is a nationally-renowned, signature Ann Arbor event that draws hundreds of thousands of fairgoers to downtown during a period that is otherwise very slow, and has been measured to generate more than \$78 Million of area economic impact;

Whereas, The Art Fair has grown in size to include more than 1,000 artists, and spans much of downtown, including the South University area, Central UM Campus, State Street area, and Main Street areas;

Whereas, The Art Fair conducted a survey in 2010 and heard from patrons that the size of the Fair was both very attractive but very difficult to manage, so an Art Fair Trolley was created as an experiment to address this concern;

Whereas, The Art Fair Trolleys have proven to be very popular;