



Downtown Development Authority

City of Ecorse, Michigan

Minutes (Informal, NO QUORUM)

Ecorse Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board Meeting

Thursday, December 2, 2021 – 8:30 am via Zoom

Zoom ID: 3886354369, password: 5555 or call in at 312-626-6799 ID: 3886354369

1. Meeting Not Called to Order – No Quorum

2. Roll Call:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Johnny Gewarges, Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darcel Brown, Mayor-Pro Tem
<input type="checkbox"/> Kosta (Gus) Callis, Vice-Chairman	<input type="checkbox"/> Harvey Ghuman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jackie Brown, Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Reed
<input type="checkbox"/> Lamar Tidwell, Mayor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Rose

Also present: Nani Wolf (McKenna), John Jackson (McKenna), Larry Steckelberg (State of Michigan Treasury)

3. Information

- 1) Fundraising Committee – End of 2021 Update
- 2) Chairperson Update on Southfield Corridor Plan Meeting
- 3) Mayor's Office Update on Christmas Lighting

4. Approval of the Agenda

No motion.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the November 4, 2021 DDA Meeting

No motion.

6. Old Business

- 1) Banners and Refuse Containers
 - Banners
 - General approval of new colors
 - Staff to contact Wayne County over "Destination Downriver" logo modification
 - Refuse Containers – Suggested locations
 - Dingell Park
 - Pepper Road Park
 - Near City Hall
 - Bus Stops
- 2) Communications Plan
 - Staff to connect with Commissioner Callis on draft

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- Interest in DDA Facebook Page creation

7. New Business

- 1) Meeting Time
 - Commissioner Rose voiced work conflict (7:30am-3pm)
 - Chairperson Gewarges voiced conflict due to school drop-off and pick-up times affecting multiple Board members
 - Staff to send out meeting time poll
- 2) Calendar for 2022
 - Meetings to remain on the first Thursday of the month
- 3) Annual Report
No motion. Report to be sent to Treasury and taxable jurisdictions by December 31, 2021, and moved upon at the January 6, 2022, Board meeting.

8. Next Meeting:

- 1) Spring Outreach Brainstorming
 - a. Food Truck Rally
 - Auburn Café and Nate's BBQ have expressed desire to attend
 - Staff to set up flier and discuss permits, possible social district closure, and supplies with City; final project budget to be approved next month after cost estimates provided
 - Tentatively to be on Thursdays in Dingell Park, with possible additional rallies at the Walleye Tournament and Fireworks Show
 - Pop up tables for non-food vendors suggested
 - Table rental and vendor fee discussed
 - b. Farmers Market
 - c. Creek Cleanup
 - Suggestion by Commissioner Rose to do a Dingell Park cleanup in late April and an Ecorse Creek cleanup in the summer
 - Commissioner Rose to report back at January Board meeting
- 2) Communications Plan Draft
- 3) Annual Report Approval

9. Public Comments

No public comment.

10. Board Member Comments

No public comment.

11. Adjournment

12. No motion.