



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

The Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by DDA Chairman Blair

ROLL CALL: Ackley, Amin, Blair, Johnston, Lublin, Marshal, Millen, Smith

ABSENT: Allen, Mechigan, McDonald

There being a quorum present, the meeting was declared in session.

OTHERS PRESENT: DDA Managing Director Jaquays, Finance Director Pesta, DPW Superintendent Ladd, Deputy Chief of Police Kolke

DDA 08-01-23 MOTION TO EXCUSE DDA BOARD MEMBER MCDONALD

Motion by Blair, supported by Lublin: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To excuse DDA Board Member McDonald

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES: NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. Regular DDA Meeting of June 13, 2023

DDA 08-02-23 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 13, 2023 MEETING

Motion by Millen, supported by Lublin: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the minutes from the June 13, 2023 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Oakland County Parks- Park and Trail Capital Grant Program

Managing Director Jaquays said Oakland County announced the grant awardees last Friday and Walled Lake was not a recipient.

DDA Chairman Blair asked if an explanation was given from the County?

Ms. Jaquays said a rubric was shared from the County on how they evaluated each proposed project.

DDA Chairman Blair asked if there will be another opportunity to apply?

Ms. Jaquays said the City continues to look and apply for grant opportunities that are feasible for the City.

DDA Executive Director Whitt said typically, the County does not give an explanation but uses a rubric to assign points for each priority. Mr. Whitt noted that there is a brand new pickleball facility near Walled Lake at Richardson Center located in Commerce Township.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

EXECUTIVE & MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT:

1. Code Violations

DDA Executive Director Whitt said the City has issued tickets for noncompliance. Mr. Whitt said the biggest concern downtown is the construction at 141 E. Walled Lake Drive. Mr. Whitt said the progress has been slow, however, the project continues to move forward. Mr. Whitt said he has observed businesses that have rented dumpsters that are too small for their trash collection and gave the example of Tiki Bar Beach and Boil. Mr. Whitt said another business that needs to be brought into compliance is the Sunoco Station at Pontiac Trail. Mr. Whitt said another business is DM Motors, at Decker and EW Maple. Mr. Whitt said the auto sales business has exploded and created issues with emergency vehicle access. Mr. Whitt said code enforcement is a continuing issue.

Mr. Whitt said another firework event has been applied for and is scheduled for September 2, 2023.

DDA Chairman Blair suggested reaching out to Bob's Big Boys in Farmington, noting that they recently remodeled a site.

Mr. Whitt said the prior Big Boy Restaurant, 800 N. Pontiac Trail, has been proposed to be demolished and rebuilt as a Taco Bell. Mr. Whitt said the owners of the Taco Bell are looking to relocate.

Mr. Blair pointed out the old Batting Cages and how they have fallen into disrepair, creating an eye sore for the community.

2. City Events

a. Farmers Market

Ms. Jaquays said the farmers market has recently been rebranded as the 'Walled Lake Market Place' to be more inclusive of a variety of different vendors. Ms. Jaquays said new signage has been posted advertising the dedication of the Public Safety Campus to past-DDA Chairman Casey Ambrose. Ms. Jaquays said the market place has hosted two events this summer and is averaging 30-40 vendors a week. Ms. Jaquays said tomorrow the market will be celebrating National Farmers Market Week.

b. Summer Festival After-Action Report

Ms. Jaquays said there were no issues from City Administration. Ms. Jaquays said it was a well-attended event; next year City Administration will review entertainment and recreation options. Ms. Jaquays thanked the Walled Lake Civic Fund for a great firework display and the Greenhouse for hosting vendors on their lot.

Mayor Ackley asked about preparations for the Trunk-or-Treat event?

Mr. Whitt said the plans have not yet been finalized, the City will be supporting the event as they have in past years.

DDA 08-03-23 MOTION TO FUND THE PETTING ZOO FOR THE TRUNK-OR-TREAT EVENT

Motion by Millen, supported by Lublin: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To fund the petting zoo for the Trunk-or-Treat event

3. Water Polo Event

Ms. Jaquays said the City was approached by the Walled Lake Central swim coach to host a water polo event at Mercer Beach. Ms. Jaquays said guidance was shared on how to host the event. Ms. Jaquays said the logistics of planning the water polo event will be reviewed for a future summer.

WARRANT REPORT:

DDA 08-04- 23 APPROVAL TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WARRANT FOR JUNE AND JULY 2023

Motion by Lublin, supported by Amin: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To receive and file the warrant for June and July 2023

DDA BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

DDA 08- 05- 23 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by McDonald, seconded by Marshal; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To adjourn the meeting at 4:31 PM.



Hana Jaquays
DDA Managing Director



Steve Blair
DDA Chairman