



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Tuesday, October 11, 2022**

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by DDA Chairman Blair

ROLL CALL: Ackley, Amin, Blair, Lublin, Marshal, Millen, McDonald

ABSENT: Allen, Easter, Mechigan, Smith

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

OTHERS PRESENT: DDA Managing Director Jaquays, DDA Executive Director Whitt

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES: NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. Regular DDA Meeting of September 13, 2022

**DDA 10-01-22 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 13,
2022 MEETING**

Motion by McDonald, supported by Millen: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the minutes from the September 13, 2022 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

DDA Executive Director Whitt said he would like to discuss a proposed ordinance amendment changing the operating hours in our downtown district so businesses can be open longer than what they are currently restricted to.

**DDA 10-02-22 MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL AN
AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 18, SECTION 407 EXTENDING
BUSINESS HOURS IN THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT FROM
8AM TO 11PM**

Motion by Lublin, supported by Amin: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To recommend to City Council an amendment to Chapter 18, Section 407 extending business hours in the downtown district from 8AM to 11PM.

EXECUTIVE & MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT:

1. Farmers Market 23rd Week Report

Managing Director Jaquays reported that there are three markets remaining of the 2022 season and that she has observed an increase in vendor participation and patronage this year. Ms. Jaquays said the market will be hosting a Harvest Festival during the last market which includes “All City Dogs” food truck, petting zoo, pony rides, an inflatable obstacle course, and a local musician for live entertainment.

DDA Chairman Blair asked when Ms. Hall will be completing her time at the market?

Ms. Jaquays said Ms. Hall will be assisting City Hall’s front office and the Police Department after the farmers market season.

DDA Board Member Lublin asked if this event is being held on Wednesday, when most kids are in school.

Ms. Jaquays said yes, the event is being held Wednesday and that the market held a similar event last year that had good turnout with kids who were in pre-K. Ms. Jaquays noted that many of the patrons who visit the market are mothers with younger kids. Ms. Jaquays said in addition the Harvest Festival, later in the afternoon on October 26th there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony and bridge opening of the pedestrian bridge that connects the Public Safety Campus to the Walled Lake Linear Park. Ms. Jaquays said the ceremony will be at 5:00 PM and activities running from 4:00 PM to 6:00PM.

Mr. Whitt said this is a local event for Walled Lake officials, that will be led by Mayor Ackley. Mr. Whitt said this is to promote Walled Lake’s efforts in building a trailhead for the bikers. Mr. Whitt announced that Ms. Loretta Whitt will be recruiting Walled Lake Central students to develop a Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary at the multi-purpose Public Safety Campus site.

Mr. Lublin shared that he walked the site and that the landscaping work done on the campus goes right up to the trail, it is nice that it is cleared up.

2. Pontiac Trail Resurfacing Project Status Update

Managing Director Jaquays said that milling machines were out as early as last week Friday in preparation for the asphalt paving. Ms. Jaquays noted that milling began at East West Maple and the milling machines worked their way into Wixom. Ms. Jaquays said she hopes this is how the paving will be completed and that she is pleased the project is coming to fruition.

DDA Chairman Blair noted that some sections of Pontiac Trail were milled while others were not touched.

Mr. Whitt said milling happens along the edges to create a crowned road and to match the curbing. Mr. Whitt said if the road is solid enough, the contractor does not need to mill it down. Mr. Whitt said the City will continue to monitor the work on Pontiac Trail.

3. Mayor Ackley's Trunk-or-Treat 2022

Managing Director Jaquays presented a flyer advertising the Trunk-or-Treat event scheduled for Sunday October 30, 2022. Ms. Jaquays noted a time change from Saturday October 29th to Sunday October 30th.

DDA Board Member Millen invited DDA board members to attend and design a trunk to be on display.

Mr. Whitt described the event as a private-public-partnership event created by the Mayor to encourage downtown businesses to come together.

4. Walled Lake Beach Phase II Status Update

Ms. Jaquays said a fence color was selected and the contractor will be installing the fence on both sides of the beach within the next few weeks.

Mr. Lublin asked what the height of the fence will be?

Ms. Jaquays stated the fence will be 8-Feet.

Mr. Whitt said the purpose of a high privacy fence will be to ensure the residents in the home next to the beach maintain their privacy and so the business activity from the Tiki Bar doesn't flood onto the beach. Mr. Whitt said this summer the beach received high-use, despite construction happening. Mr. Whitt said having a public beach is inviting for people and that DPW routinely checks and cleans the beach.

DDA Board Member Amin asked if it will be 8-Feet on both sides?

Mr. Whitt said yes it will be on both sides. Mr. Whitt said planning of beautification of the beach will include some shrubbery without obstructing the view.

DDA Board Member Millen asked if there will be restrooms installed at the beach?

Mr. Whitt said the City provides Port-A-Johns that are rented and put in different parks and at the beach.

Mr. Whitt reported that the building on the corner of Liberty and East Walled Lake Drive has been cited and is a safety concern.

WARRANT REPORT:

**DDA 10-03- 22 APPROVAL TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WARRANT FOR
SEPTEMBER 2022**

Motion by Lublin, supported by Millen: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To receive and file the warrant for September 2022

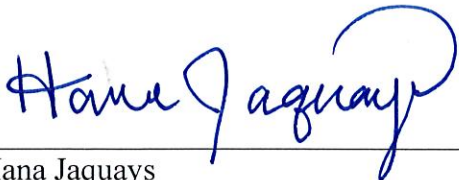
DDA BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

DDA Chairman Blair said there is a great talent pool from the DDA and that he welcomes suggestions from the DDA Board on how to improve Walled Lake and the DDA can do great things.

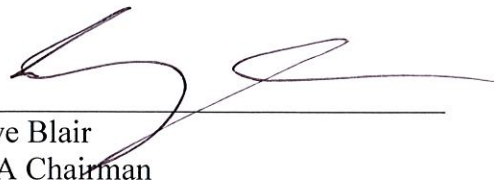
ADJOURNMENT:

DDA 10-04-22 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Millen; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To adjourn the meeting at 4:54 PM.



Hana Jaquays
DDA Managing Director



Steve Blair
DDA Chairman