



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Tuesday, September 13, 2022**

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by DDA Chairman Blair

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

ABSENT: Amin, Allen, Easter, Mechigan, Smith

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

OTHERS PRESENT: DDA Managing Director Jaquays, Deputy Chief of Police Kolke, Finance Director Pesta, DPW Superintendent Ladd, Management Intern Hall, Council Member Owsinek

**DDA 09-01-22 MOTION TO EXCUSE DDA BOARD MEMBERS ALLEN, AMIN,
AND MECHIGAN**

Motion by Blair, supported by Lublin: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To excuse DDA board members Allen, Amin, and Mechigan

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES: NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. Regular DDA Meeting of August 9, 2022

**DDA 09-02-22 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 9, 2022
MEETING**

Motion by Millen, supported by Lublin: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the minutes from the August 9, 2022 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

DDA Board Member Millen informed the board that he has been working with Mayor Ackley on this year's Trunk-or-Treat event that will be held on Sunday October 30, 2022. Mr. Millen said in the past, the DDA supports a petting zoo and pony ride for the kids.

DDA 09-03-22 MOTION TO FUND THE PETTING ZOO FOR THE TRUNK-OR-TREAT EVENT

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

DDA Board Member Millen said he has noticed activity in the downtown area involving a gas tank.

DDA Executive Director Whitt said yes, there was activity downtown and that business owner was cited. Mr. Whitt said the tank has been removed. Mr. Whitt said the gas tank was installed without any permits. Mr. Whitt said additionally, tickets have been issued to the building owner at the corner for non-compliance. Mr. Whitt said there has been no activity and the building is at-risk. Mr. Whitt said code violations have also been issued for a few properties downtown.

DDA Board Member Millen asked for clarification on who installed the gas tank?

Mr. Whitt said complaints were received from the Tiki Bar Beach and Boil that the gas tank was obstructing their egress and ingress. Mr. Whitt said the gas tank was installed behind Barrels of Wine. Mr. Whitt said essentially, a marina was created which violates the City's code. Mr. Whitt said the construction was done without permission.

EXECUTIVE & MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT:

1. Farmers Market 19th Week Report

Managing Director Jaquays introduced management intern Ms. Hall. Ms. Jaquays said Ms. Hall has been assisting with the administration of the farmers market and being a presence on-site during market days. Ms. Jaquays said Ms. Hall has been a huge help and thanked Ms. Hall for her efforts this season.

DDA Chairman Blair thanked Ms. Hall and said her work is appreciated by all of the board.

Ms. Jaquays said there are seven markets remaining and that she has observed an increase in vendor interest this year. Ms. Jaquays said the market will be hosting a Harvest Festival sometime next month in conjunction with the bridge opening at the Walled Lake linear trail.

Mr. Whitt said the farmers market did not want to compete with Mayor's Trunk-or-Treat, so the Harvest Festival will likely be scheduled for the last market day. Mr. Whitt said the event will be very similar to the Trunk-or-Treat and include a petting zoo Mr. Whitt said there has been serious movement at the Public Safety Campus in preparing the Greenaway Drain for the bridge opening. Mr. Whitt said DDA Board members will be invited to attend the ribbon cutting.

2. Pontiac Trail Resurfacing Project Status Update

DPW Superintendent Ladd said that a start date has not yet been released however, Oakland County has completed markings along Pontiac Trail for the milling.

3. 615 N. Pontiac Trail – Walled Lake Consolidated School District (WLCSD) Property Status Update

Managing Director Jaquays said this discussion is in continuation from last month and getting the board's input on what they envision at the site.

DDA Board Member Marshall said he would like to see a combination of retail and living arrangements similar to what is currently on Pontiac Trail.

DDA Board Member McDonald agreed that mixed-use would be a good idea with retail along Pontiac Trail and multi-family or apartment units behind.

DDA Board Member Lublin said residential units that support high density would be beneficial to support the storefronts that currently exist in Walled Lake.

DDA Board Member Millen said mixed-use with retail on the bottom would be a good design.

DDA Chairman Blair agreed that mixed-use would be a great way to create a walkable City as a gateway into downtown. Mr. Blair suggested the City purchase the property.

Mr. Whitt opined that the school board would like the property to become residential to increase student enrollment. Mr. Whitt said City Council would ultimately make the decision on any potential rezoning with recommendation from DDA and/or Planning Commission. Mr. Whitt advised that the future developer may consider a commercial unit development.

4. Walled Lake Beach Phase II Status Update

Mr. Whitt said phase II will be piecemealed.

DPW Superintendent Ladd said a fence was selected for the east and west side of the beach. Mr. Ladd said with the removal of the old playscape, fencing, and port-a-john enclosure the beach got a lot of use this summer. Mr. Ladd said the installation of the stormceptor and moving the pipe has made a tremendous difference.

Mr. Whitt said he has observed a paddle board business being done at the beach from the Tiki Bar's parking lot. Mr. Whitt said a gate was installed and business operations are being conducted from the beach. Mr. Whitt said this will end after the installation of the fencing.

WARRANT REPORT:

**DDA 09-04- 22 APPROVAL TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WARRANT FOR
AUGUST 2022**

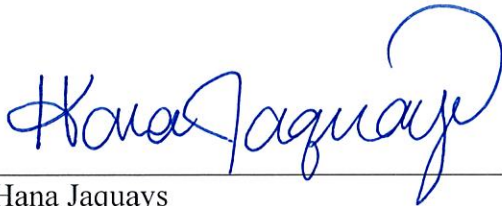
Motion by Lublin, supported by Millen: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To receive and file the warrant for August 2022

DDA BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: NONE

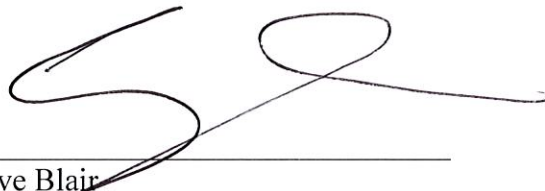
ADJOURNMENT:

DDA 09-05-22 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Millen; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To adjourn the meeting at 4:47 PM.



Hana Jaquays
DDA Managing Director



Steve Blair
DDA Chairman