

**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022**

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Executive Director Whitt.

ROLL CALL: Ackley, Blair, Easter, Lublin, Millen, Mechigan, Shuman

ABSENT: Allen, Marshal, Smith, Wlodarczyk,

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Finance Director Pesta, DDA Managing Director Jaquays, Chief Shakinas, Captain Kolke

DDA 1-01-22 MOTION TO APPROVE MAYOR ACKLEY'S NOMINATION OF STEVEN BLAIR AS DDA CHAIRMAN

Motion by Lublin, supported by Millen: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Mayor Ackley's nomination of Steven Blair as DDA Chairman

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES: NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. Regular DDA Meeting of October 12, 2021

DDA 1-02-22 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 12, 2021 MEETING

Motion by Millen, supported by Easter: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the minutes from the October 12, 2021 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Update on Farmers Market Activity & Report on Public Safety Campus

DDA Managing Director Jaquays introduced herself as the reappointed farmers market manager for the 2022 farmers market season. Ms. Jaquays reported that the 2021 season was a success and

that there was an average of 35-40 vendors that participated. Ms. Jaquays said the market was able to host a harvest festival event in October. Ms. Jaquays said the City partnered with JET Theatre and they performed "Grease". Ms. Jaquays said she looks forward to growing the market this year and inviting the public back to the public safety campus in May for the farmers market.

2. Mayor Ackley's Trunk-or-Treat

DDA Board Member Ackley reported that the 2021 Trunk or Treat was a successful event with many trunks and business support. Ms. Ackley said there was a petting zoo and the kids had a very fun time. Ms. Ackley thanked those that attended.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

1. Pontiac Trail and Decker Road Sidewalk Project Update

DDA Executive Director Whitt thanked Mr. Millen and Mayor Ackley in organizing the Trunk-or-Treat. Mr. Whitt said this recreation event for the children was a success and will continue this year as a joint effort between the Parks and Recreation, DDA, and business district.

DDA Executive Director Whitt introduced DPW Superintendent Ladd.

DPW Superintendent Ladd reported on the Public Safety Campus Expansion project and said underground infrastructure, underground electrical, storm drains and water main, retention basins, and addition of a fire hydrant was completed last year. Mr. Ladd said after completion of the underground work, the parking lot was paved. Mr. Ladd the additional parking has proven successful at the farmers market and was utilized well during JET's "Grease" performance.

Mr. Ladd reported that several local roads were paved including streets in the Tri-A subdivision and Quinif. Mr. Ladd also said that Hiram Sims parking lot was paved as well as Marshal Taylor Park. Mr. Ladd said Nagel Paving did excellent work and was very accommodating.

Mr. Ladd said the sidewalk along Decker Road between Maple and 14 Mile Road was completed and included elevation work to create a smooth, straight, and level sidewalk to improve walkability. Mr. Ladd said the Decker Road improvement project scheduled this year will help stormwater drainage.

DDA Executive Director Whitt said the improvements happening on Decker Road is tentatively scheduled to begin in June. Mr. Whitt provided an update on the GLWA/ 14 Mile Road project.

DPW Team Lead Ladd said in response to the water main break that occurred over the summer, GLWA replaced pipes and ran tests. Mr. Ladd said after being put back in service, there was a

leak which affected the pressure in Walled Lake, Novi, and Commerce Township. Mr. Ladd said a boil water advisory has been issued.

Executive Director Whitt said this year the City expects to open the bridge access to the Public Safety Campus and the Walled Lake Linear Trail. Mr. Whitt said those who have supported the development of the Public Safety Campus will be able to attend the grand opening. Mr. Whitt said the site is also being developed as a training site for fire and police. Mr. Whitt said the City will be receiving additional federal funding that may be used on improvements.

Mr. Whitt introduced Ms. Pesta and Ms. Jaquays.

2. Update on Mercer Beach Improvements, Phase I

DPW Superintendent Ladd said the stormwater enhancement project includes removing the unsightly storm drain that drains into the middle of the beach. Mr. Ladd said they are in the process of receiving all the equipment. Mr. Ladd said he anticipates work to begin soon. Mr. Ladd described the work that will be completed.

Executive Director Whitt said due to the need of an easement, work has been slightly delayed. Mr. Whitt said after the legal issues are resolved, the work will begin. Mr. Whitt said the Summer Festival has been tentatively scheduled and may need to be rescheduled dependent on the timeline of the improvements happening downtown.

Mr. Whitt informed the DDA board that there has been a change in ownership of a few parcels downtown along East Walled Lake Drive and Liberty. Mr. Whitt said it is a matter of public record. Mr. Whitt said if any DDA board members are interested in the proposed plans, to please attend the planning commission meeting scheduled in the evening.

DDA Chairman Blair asked Ms. Jaquays to prepare a presentation for the DDA board members regarding the State statues and local ordinances that govern the DDA.

WARRANT REPORT:

**DDA 1-03- 22 APPROVAL TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WARRANT FOR
OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, AND DECEMBER 2021**

Motion by Lublin, supported by Shuman: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To receive and file the warrant for October, November, and December 2021.

DDA BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

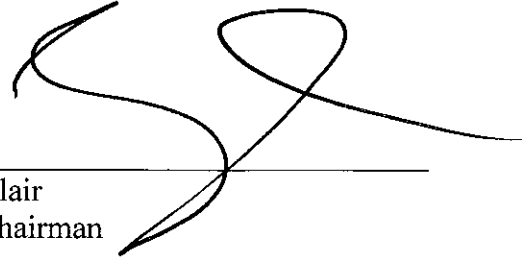
ADJOURNMENT:

DDA 1-04-22 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Millen; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To adjourn the meeting at 4:34 p.m.



Hana Jaquays
DDA Managing Director



Steve Blair
DDA Chairman