



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Tuesday, February 13, 2024**

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by DDA Chairman Blair

ROLL CALL: Ackley, Allen, Amin Blair, Johnston, Lublin, Marshal, Mechigan

ABSENT: Millen, McDonald, Smith

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

**DDA 02-01-24 MOTION TO EXCUSE DDA BOARD MEMBER MILLEN AND
DDA BOARD MEMBER MCDONALD**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Finance Director Pesta, Deputy Public Safety Director Shakinas, Acting Chief of Police Kolke, Deputy Fire Chief Gonzalez, DPW Superintendent Ladd

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES: NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. Regular DDA Meeting of January 9, 2024

**DDA 02-02-24 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 9, 2024
MEETING**

Motion by Blair, supported by McDonald: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the minutes from the November 14, 2023 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

EXECUTIVE & MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT:

1. Public Safety Activity Report

Executive Director Whitt said there is a Public Safety Millage coming up on February 27. Mr. Whitt said as business men and women, the board's support is encouraged.

Deputy Public Safety Director Shakinas reported on activity in the DDA district. Mr. Shakinas provided the board an update on the shooting from last month and said the plaza owner has been cited. Mr. Shakinas reported on auto theft in the area. Mr. Shakinas said Walled Lake's team has been working with Oakland County's Sheriff's Office, Novi Police Department, and Wixom Police Department. Mr. Shakinas said an auto theft team based in Canton did make some arrests connected to Chrysler products. Mr. Shakinas said crime affects all communities.

Mayor Ackley recalled a discussion held at Council regarding car theft and electronic communication between the vehicles.

Mr. Shakinas said this is a continuing issue for multiple auto manufacturers.

DDA Board Member Lublin said he has purchased a Faraday Bag.

Mr. Whitt said the focus is to get a conviction which involves retrieving evidence. Mr. Whitt said surveillance equipment are investigative tools to point the officers in the right direction, however they do not necessarily convict. Mr. Whitt underscored the important work of the Public Safety Departments and encouraged the board for their support of the millage.

Mr. Shakinas briefed the board on surveillance equipment produced by 'FLOCK Safety' and explained that other neighboring communities utilize the License Plate Readers (LPRs) from FLOCK. Mr. Shakinas said their programs are linked to national and local databases for stolen vehicles. Mr. Shakinas described how their program identifies vehicles using specific characteristics. Mr. Shakinas said the equipment will be presented before City Council for their review.

Mr. Whitt said a proposal will be made to go before City Council.

Discussion was held on the installation and location of the proposed FLOCK cameras.

Chairman Blair asked for an update on the Salvation Army Plaza incident.

Mr. Whitt said the owner was ticketed and has paid his fines. Mr. Whitt said the old DDA office was in that suite. Mr. Whitt said the plaza has fallen into disrepair. Mr. Whitt said we will continue to do code enforcement.

2. DDA District Business Update

Managing Director Jaquays updated the board on development projects happening within the district. Ms. Jaquays said 800 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake's new Taco Bell, is working through the permitting process with the City and the County.

Chairman Blair said he has observed work happening at Burger King.

Ms. Jaquays said the new owners are completing the interior work to get the site into compliance.

Chairman Blair asked what will happen with the old Taco Bell location?

Ms. Jaquays said the front office has not been informed of any change of ownership.

Mr. Whitt said it appears they are currently leasing the site. Mr. Whitt said if they were to sell it, the front office would receive a Property Transfer Affidavit.

Ms. Jaquays said the owner for 1186 E. West Maple went before the Planning Commission and received site plan and special land use approval extension for one year. Ms. Jaquays said her understanding is that the owner is working to find a tenant to occupy the site and include the drive-through component. Ms. Jaquays said initially the site was going to be Savy Sliders. Ms. Jaquays said work is being completed to redo the roof. Ms. Jaquays said the proposed Starbucks and retail development at the corner of 14 Mile and Decker, will be going before City Council this month for a conditional rezoning agreement from C-1 to C-2 zoning district.

Mr. Whitt said the Starbucks located across the street will be relocated in Walled Lake with a drive-through component.

3. DDA Budget and TIF Plan Discussion

Managing Director Jaquays said to meet the statutory requirements to continue the DDA's Tax Increment Financing Plan, City Council will be holding the required public hearing later this month. Ms. Jaquays said notices have been mailed out to those in the DDA district and board members should have received the notice. Ms. Jaquays said the notices have been advertised in the local newspaper and posted in the DDA district.

Mr. Whitt said Finance Director Pesta completed the tables.

WARRANT REPORT:

**DDA 02-03- 24 APPROVAL TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WARRANT FOR
JANUARY 2024**

Motion by Lublin, supported by Amin: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To receive and file the warrant for January 2024

DDA BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: NONE

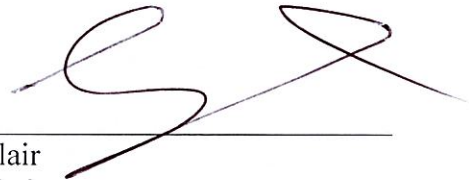
ADJOURNMENT:

DDA 02- 04- 24 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Blair, seconded by Lublin: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To adjourn the meeting at 4: 50 PM.



Hana Jaquays
DDA Managing Director



Steve Blair
DDA Chairman