



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2014**

The Meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Ackley, Allen, Ambrose, Blair, Lublin, Marshall, Wlodarczyk

ABSENT: Kimmel, Shuman, Ramsey

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Executive Director Whitt, Finance Director Coogan, Police Chief Shakinas, DDA Deputy Managing Director Rodgers, Public Works Coordinator McGill, Council Member Owsinek, Council Member Robertson

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

DDA 09-01-14 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 12, 2013 MEETING

Motion by Lublin, supported by Ackley: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the Minutes from the August 12, 2014 meeting.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Darrin Flower said he use to own 728 dollar store and has moved back to Walled Lake three months ago. He said his background is electrical engineer for Ford and when the economy took a hit he lost his business here in Walled Lake. He said since the City gave him his first start he wants to introduce himself and see what type a development is going into Walled Lake. He said he has a couple ideas for some businesses but nothing is set in stone.

I. CONSIDERATION OF WARRANT:

DDA 09-02-14 APPROVAL OF THE WARRANT FOR AUGUST 2014

Motion by Lublin, supported by Blair: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the warrant for August 2014.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sign Grant- 239 E. Walled Lake- Woof Woof Puppy Boutique

DDA Board Member Lublin said he went out to the 239 E. Walled Lake location and saw the awning up and it is not the same as the paperwork they submitted. He said that the awning was suppose to have the writing on it and now there is a sign up. He said since there is no writing on the awning it technically is a façade grant and the business orders did not submit paperwork for a façade grant. He said technically an awning with nothing written on it is a façade grant because it is an improvement to the building. He explained that a sign and façade grant are different amounts that get disbursed

DDA Board Member Allen explained the application submitted states it is an awning recover and nothing in the paperwork states anything about the sign cost. He said the owner's application specifically state sign it doesn't say awning so it doesn't qualify for a sign grant. He said the business owner's need to resubmit for sign invoice or resubmit for façade grant. He said the paperwork is not correct.

Executive Director Whitt said the DDA Board cannot change the paperwork for the business owners. He said the Board can deny it and ask them to fix it and the Board should have them re-apply. He said he would like to get these business owners out of the business of being casual because the grant is a lot of money and they should be treating it with some respect.

DDA 09-03-14 MOTION TO DENY REQUEST AND HAVE WOOF WOOF BOUTIQUE REAPPLY THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE PAPERWORK FOR THE FAÇADE AND SIGN GRANT

Motion by Allen, supported by Lublin: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To deny request and have Woof Woof Boutique re-apply through the appropriate paperwork for the façade and sign grant.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Façade Grant- 115 E. Walled Lake- Nino's Italian Bakery

DDA 09-04-14 MOTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF NINO'S ITALIAN BAKERY APPLICATION FOR FAÇADE AND SIGN GRANT

Motion by Allen, supported by Blair: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To acknowledge receipt of Nino's Italian Bakery application for façade and sign grant.

2. PAD- Banner Invoice \$50
3. PAD- Spinal Column Ad \$289
4. PAD- Show Mobile \$350
5. PAD- Wonder Jump \$573.75
6. PAD- Whispering Pines \$700

DDA 09-05-14 MOTION TO RECEIVE INVOICES AND MAKE PAYMENT TO ALL VENDORS FOR PET AWARENESS DAY

Motion by Lublin, supported by Blair: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To receive invoice and make payment to all vendors for Pet Awareness Day.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS: None

A. Planning and Development Report

Executive Director Whitt said that City Council has made some changes to Planning Commission and voted down changing the zoning of C-3 because there is not a need at this time. He explained there is a new law that will acquire some amendments to Planning Commission rules and it is up for second reading to City Council. He said the downtown development is moving forward and Foremost Developer is working on a traffic study but the City still has not received any documents to date. He said the DDA needs to be cautious since the developer wants to abandon streets and they do not want to spend money. He explained the developer may believe he can come to DDA looking for TIF money to help support the construction. He explained that the DDA theoretically might support the building downtown if it were to help bring in tax money to the City but not to help with construction or tax break. He said at this time the City is staying in the game because it brings good attention to downtown. He recommends that the DDA not help fund construction, the City wants tax revenue not spend tax dollars. He said the 1010 building is up and running and doing a little bit of maintenance and that means for the City is that it hits the tax roll.

DDA Board Member Lublin said if someone is going to do a two (2) million dollar investment and looking for some type of relief then maybe there is something to think about. He said the City should listen, and the DDA doesn't put our investment out.

B. Promotion Committee Report – Co-Chair E. Marshall and Wlodarczyk

DDA Board Member Marshall said Pet Awareness Day is this Sunday and are looking for volunteers for the bouncy house. He said our vendors are up this year. He said the last meeting is September 10th at four (4) o'clock.

C. Executive Director Report


Executive Director Whitt said bills were taken care of that was discussed last meeting and it is fixed and DDA is moving ahead. He said that the City finally has water and sewer to the Foster Farmhouse but not inside. He said it will be usable soon but probably not this summer or fall.

V. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

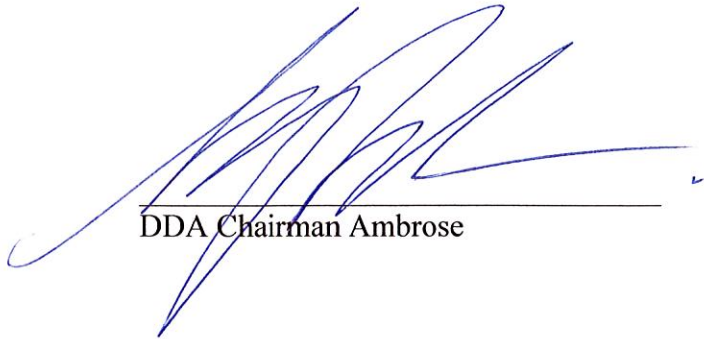
VI. **ADJOURNMENT:**

DDA 09-06-14 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Marshall, seconded by Blair; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m.



Chelsea Rodgers
Deputy DDA Managing Director



DDA Chairman Ambrose