

**CITY OF WALLED LAKE**  
**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Ackley, Allen, Atwell, Ambrose, Blair, Lublin, Marshal, Shuman

**ABSENT:** Easter, Fernandes, Wlodarczyk

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Deputy Managing Director Pesta, Finance Director Barlass,  
Council Member Robertson, Council Member Costanzo

**REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**DDA 03-01-19 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 8, 2019 MEETING**

Motion by Ackley, supported by Lublin: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the minutes from the January 8, 2019 meeting.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** None

**1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**2. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion- Federal Aid Committee Grant – Decker Road – DDA Fund Match

DDA Managing Director Pesta said the City received more than \$1 million from the Oakland County Federal Aid Committee to resurface Decker road between 14 Mile Road and Maple. Ms. Pesta explained the City's matching funds would be \$272, 292.24. Ms. Pesta the DDA Board should have the discussion of having the DDA assist the City with the match today. Ms. Pesta explained that this stretch of Decker Road is the last main thoroughfare that leads to our City's businesses that need repaving. Ms. Pesta said the project is planned for 2022 and the road is quickly deteriorating.

DDA Board Member Allen asked how could the Decker Road project be moved up?

DDA Managing Director Pesta explained if the DDA wanted to discuss about putting in a larger match could help move the project up. She said what the number is, she does not know. It is all part of the discussion.

DDA Chairman Ambrose asked about redoing the sidewalks along one side of Decker Road.

Ms. Pesta said the sidewalks are not part of the Federal Aid Committee grant, that would be in addition to the repaving of Decker Road. She explained that the City's consultant engineer is working on the drawings now for the sidewalks. Ms. Pesta said the DDA as of June 30<sup>th</sup> has \$1.6 million in fund balance.

DDA Chairman Ambrose said if that one project goes in off Decker the developer may redo some of those sidewalks along Decker.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:**

##### 1. Discussion – Summary of 2/3/2019 meeting

DDA Board Member Blair said at the meeting planning commissioner Hecht discussed more housing and at first he was against it but after he thought more about it, he believes it would drive more people to the businesses.

DDA Chairman Ambrose said to get the best bang for your buck is some sort of mixed use. He explained one option is to have a developer come to the city with a proposal and then the city will arrange the zoning to meet the developer's needs.

##### 2. LED Streetlights – Discussion

DDA Managing Director Pesta explained DPW Team Lead, Dan Ladd, has been working with Madison Electric to gather some information on the cost savings of putting in LED lights for the DDA street lights. Ms. Pesta provided a packet of information provided by Madison Electric.

Finance Director Barlass said currently the City is paying \$16,000 a year in DTE bills for the DDA street lights. She explained according to Madison Electric the LED lights would be roughly \$4,000 a year. She explained the city would have the cost savings on the electricity but also the city won't need the ballast. She said DPW could more efficiently change those bulbs and the LED lights last longer.

DDA Board Member Lublin asked if it would fit into the DDA streetlights.

Ms. Barlass said yes, there is a retro fit that is about \$5 per retro fit but by doing so DDA would qualify for \$25 rebate per light from DTE. She explained there is a 5-year warranty. Ms. Barlass explained if the DDA switched all the lights out, the DDA could pay for the cost of the new bulbs with the savings in one year.

DDA Board Member Blair said the DDA discussed this a few years ago and the savings is worth the switch. Mr. Blair asked if the DPW is doing the retro fit?

Finance Director Barlass said yes, which will also help with saving costs.

**DDA 03-02-19          MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH LED LIGHTING FOR  
THE DDA STREET LIGHTS**

Motion by Lublin, supported by Atwell: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To move forward with LED lighting for the DDA street lights.

**3. CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**4. WARRANT REPORT:**

**DDA 03-03-19          APPROVAL TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WARRANT  
JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2019**

Motion by Lublin, supported by Allen: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the warrant for January and February 2019.

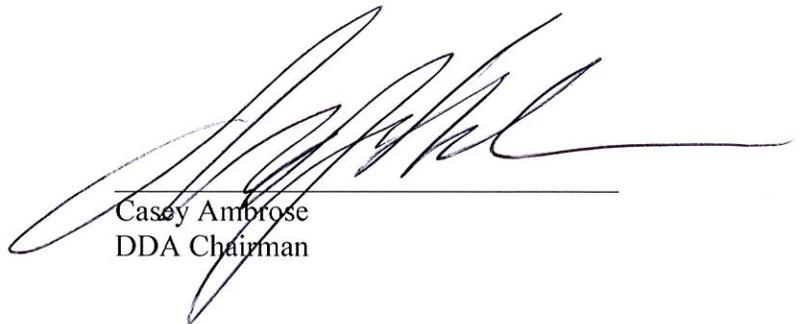
**5. ADJOURNMENT:**

**DDA 03-04-19          ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Lublin, seconded by Blair; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To adjourn the meeting at 4:35 p.m.



Chelsea Pesta  
Deputy Clerk



Casey Ambrose  
DDA Chairman