



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Ackley, Allen, Ambrose, Blair, Easter, Fernandes, Lublin,  
Marshal, \*Wlodarczyk

**ABSENT:** Fernandes, Maurer, Shuman

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Executive Director Whitt, Finance Director Coogan, Police Chief Shakinas, City Clerk Stuart, Council Member Robertson, Council Member Owsinek, Council Member Helke

**DDA 10-01-17 MOTION TO EXCUSE BOARD MEMBER FERNANDES,  
MAURER AND SHUMAN**

Motion by Ambrose, seconded by Lublin, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To excuse board members Fenandes, Maurer and Shuman.

**REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES:**

Managing Director Rodgers requested to add under New Business item #2 DDA Resolution 2017-1.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**DDA 10-02-17 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 12,  
2017 MEETING**

Motion by Easter, supported by Lublin: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the minutes from the September 12, 2017 meeting.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** None

**1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**2. NEW BUSINESS:**

## **1. Budget Amendment**

Managing Director Rodgers explained the budget amendment for order for replacement of DDA street light poles and for the coordination of repairs with the business owner at 126 W. Walled Lake Drive. Ms. Rodgers explained in the process of repairing the catch basin a hole opened in a storm line flowing in the catch basin the city was repairing. Ms. Rodgers said with the collapse in the middle of Pontiac Trail the city decided to manage both the line and catch basin at the same time.

**DDA 10-03-17            MOTION TO APPROVE DDA BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR REPLACEMENT OF DDA STREET LIGHT POLES AND STORM LINE AND CATCH BASIN REPAIR AT 126 W. WALLED LAKE DRIVE**

Motion by Ackley, supported by Lublin: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve DDA budget amendments for replacement of DDA street light poles and storm line and catch basin repair at 126. W. Walled Lake Drive.

## **2. DDA Resolution 2017-01**

Managing Director Rodgers explained the resolution is the second phase of getting the grant for the storm water infrastructure repair in the downtown area. Ms. Rodgers said this resolution explains the changes the DDA is looking to do with a greener infrastructure and reducing the pollutants that enter Walled Lake. Ms. Rodgers recommends approval to move forward in applying for the grant.

**DDA 10-04-17            MOTION TO APPROVE DDA RESOLUTION 2017-01 TO SUPPORT THE CITY IN LIMITING THE STORM WATER POLLUTION THAT ENTERS WALLED LAKE**

Motion by Lublin, supported by Ackley: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve DDA resolution 2017-01 to support the city in limiting the storm water pollution that enters Walled Lake.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **A. Planning and Development Report**

### **B. Executive Director Report**

\*Wlodarczyk arrived 4:11 p.m.

Executive Director Whitt discussed the trail grant. Mr. Whitt said it is in the public domain that the three communities are applying for this grant. Mr. Whitt explained it is not at no cost to the taxpayer. Mr. Whitt explained the plan as it goes forward for the grant will require a match of a

million dollars and Walled Lake's share would be \$420,000 to a half million. Mr. Whitt said if the DDA considers that the DDA district they may want to spend some of the \$1.3 million the DDA has saved. Mr. Whitt said going to spend a considerable amount of money just to match the grant and that was not told to the taxpayers. Mr. Whitt said the trail is going to cost the taxpayers a lot of money. Mr. Whitt explained if he were a taxpayer he would want the DDA to think about funding that in ways that the DDA can. Mr. Whitt said it will definitely be coming out of the general fund and the city has to start planning for that. Mr. Whitt said the city is committed to the trail. Mr. Whitt said Commerce Township is now struggling with the cost in term of the politics of it and additional cost to improving the bridge. Mr. Whitt said Commerce has to pay for design and engineering fees and now they are facing what Walled Lake raised the questions for at our public meeting. Mr. Whitt said there is hidden cost or cost that are not discussed and now the Commerce Board is going to have to decide to pay for it and they can't back out either because they are so deep in with the engineering and fees that Commerce is going to have to pay that extra amount. Mr. Whitt said it is going to be a substantial amount that is going to be the entry way to Commerce Township. Mr. Whitt said he is proud that the city put it on the table early, that the City of Walled lake was not going to pay 1/3 of the enhancement of the bridge. Mr. Whitt said Walled Lake is not going to be paying for the bridge. Mr. Whitt explained that the City will be paying 1/3 of the grant contribution and he stated the city never complained about that.

DDA Board Member Lublin said the bridge will go across M-5 and end at Crumb Road by Meijer.

Executive Director Whitt said the bridge will ultimately be maintained by the state. Mr. Whitt said they may contract out locally but they are having to acquire easements. Mr. Whitt said it is a complicated process. Mr. Whitt said the foot print is getting bigger and Commerce Township is having to move the electronic sign. Mr. Whitt said it is going to bring in revenue, hypothetically to the Trail council but if one of the members pull out and they can at any time then Commerce Township will get the revenue and not Walled Lake. Mr. Whitt explained the sign has to be relocated because the bridge has changed things and that is redesign costs. Mr. Whitt said the new Supervisor is taking a beating for the cost and he didn't start it. Mr. Whitt said the match for the grant is going to be over a million dollars between the three communities.

Executive Director Whitt informed each DDA member should make an appointment to see him because the DDA and city officials are under public threat by a local. Mr. Whitt said he is taking the threat seriously. Mr. Whitt said the police are investigating and pursuing it as the real deal. Mr. Whitt said there is a real danger involved and it is not funny. Mr. Whitt said the report speaks for itself and it is egregious, the threats to shoot, to stab, to kill, and to take out public officials including members of the DDA, him included, and Commerce Township Supervisor. Mr. Whitt said it is being encouraged by other members of the community and we are taking it as a real threat.

**C. Promotion Committee**

DDA Board Member Lublin said he and Mayor Ackley went to the parks and recreation meeting and Ron Johnston, who heads the Walled Lake Civic Fund, discussed about the possibility the city taking more responsibilities. Mr. Lublin said there was discussion about more sponsorships, like Harley-Davidson. Mr. Lublin said the DDA will start looking at this early next year.

**3. CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**4. CONSIDERATION OF WARRANT:**

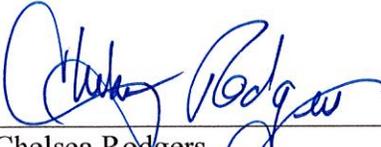
**DDA 10-05-17      APPROVAL OF THE WARRANT FOR SEPTEMBER 2017**

Motion by Lublin, supported by Blair: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the warrant for September 2017.

**5. ADJOURNMENT:**

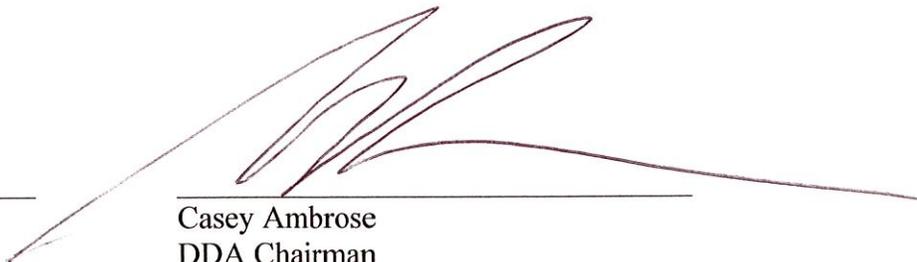
**DDA 10-06-17      ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Easter, seconded by Lublin; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To adjourn the meeting at 4:18 p.m.



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Chelsea Rodgers  
DDA Managing Director



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Casey Ambrose  
DDA Chairman