



CITY OF WALLED LAKE
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021

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

ROLL CALL: Ambrose, Blair, Lublin, Marshal, Millen, Shuman,

ABSENT: Ackley, Allen, Atwell, Easter, 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

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. Regular DDA Meeting of January 12, 2021

DDA 02-01-21 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 12, 2021 MEETING

Motion by Lublin, supported by Blair: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the minutes from the January 12, 2021 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. CVT Grant Program (Covid-19 Relief) Oakland County

DDA Managing Director Jaquays described the CVT Grant Program that is being administered through Oakland County to support dine-in restaurants, bars, and cafes. Ms. Jaquays said the City submitted their application to the County last week and is now waiting for the interlocal agreement so the City can receive their funds.

DDA Chairman Ambrose suggested that businesses reach out to Ms. Jaquays to inquire about the products and reimbursement funds that are available.

DDA Board Member Lublin asked for clarification on the process of distributing the grants to businesses.

Ms. Jaquays said that restaurants who are interested in receiving reimbursement funds or acquiring products will first need to come to the City to make those requests. Ms. Jaquays explained that only specific expenses are eligible for reimbursement.

DDA Board Member Lublin asked how much the City will be receiving and if there is a way to contact the restaurants directly?

Ms. Jaquays said that the City has been allocated approximately \$37,000. Ms. Jaquays said she will make an effort to reach out to the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce to find information as well reaching out to local businesses.

2. Update on Engineer and Survey Services for Sidewalk Easements

Executive Director Whitt said the cost per hour has made the project nearly prohibitive in addition to the challenge that the pandemic has presented in continuing the work safely. Mr. Whitt said that at last month's City Council meeting the direction shifted to focusing on local roads.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Foster Farmhouse Rehabilitation

Executive Director Whitt said the private organization that was associated with the Farmhouse collected money but not a lot of rehabilitation progress was observed from the outside. Mr. Whitt recalled that the organization did not put water or sewer services to the Farmhouse, so the City did that independent of any funds collected. Mr. Whitt said recently the City has taken ownership of the Farmhouse and with the assistance of their newest DDA Board Member, Mr. Millen, the Greenhouse's commitment to rehabilitating the downtown area is coming to fruition.

DDA Board Member Millen said about \$35,000 dollars will be spent toward restoring the existing windows and doors. Mr. Millen said hopefully by the Beach Party, one of the Farmhouse rooms will be restored as close to its original state with artifacts that can be used for tours.

DDA Board Member Lublin said the Friends of the Foster Farmhouse may have artifacts that could be used for decoration.

DDA Executive Director Whitt said the City's goal is to focus on the infrastructure of the home. Mr. Whitt said we do not need to focus too much on the artifacts instead we need to focus on the accessibility and infrastructure of the Farmhouse.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

1. Update on Public Safety Campus

Executive Director Whitt said mid-February we are looking to install some infrastructure for watermains. Mr. Whitt said we are working on finalizing the schematic for the Safety Campus. Mr. Whitt said he looks forward to opening the bridge to invite recreation events.

WARRANT REPORT:

**DDA 02-02-21 APPROVAL TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WARRANT FOR
JANUARY 2021**

Motion by Lublin, supported by Blair: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To receive and file the warrant for January 2021.

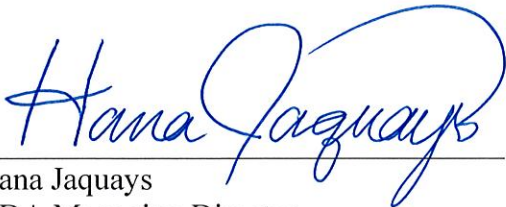
DDA BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

DDA Board Member Ambrose welcomed new Board Member Millen

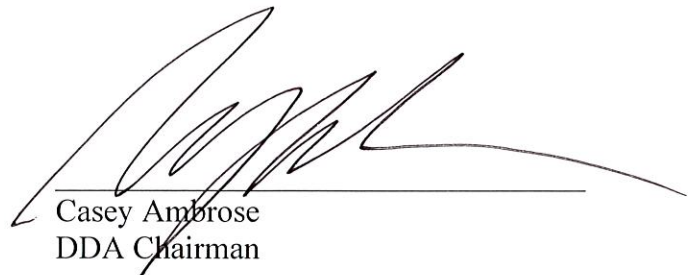
ADJOURNMENT:

DDA 02-03-21 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ambrose, seconded by Lublin; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To adjourn the meeting at 4:24 p.m.



Hana Jaquays
DDA Managing Director



Casey Ambrose
DDA Chairman