



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Tuesday, June 11, 2024**

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by DDA Chairman Blair

ROLL CALL: Ackley, Blair, Lublin, Marshal, Mechigan, Millen

ABSENT: Allen, Amin, Johnston, McDonald

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Fire Chief Gonzalez, DPW Superintendent Ladd, Finance Director Pesta

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

**DDA 06-01-24 MOTION TO EXCUSE DDA BOARD MEMBERS AMIN,
JOHNSTON, MCDONALD**

Motion by Blair, supported by Ackley: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To excuse DDA Board Member Amin, DDA Board Member Johnston, and DDA Board Member McDonald

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES: NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. Regular DDA Meeting of May 14, 2024

**DDA 06-02-24 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 14, 2024
MEETING**

Motion by Millen, supported by Lublin: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the minutes from the April 9, 2024 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

DDA Chairman Blair suggested the board discuss proposed signage for the Casey J. Ambrose Public Safety Campus to honor past-DDA Chairman Ambrose. Mr. Blair requested feedback from the board and their suggestions. Mr. Blair requested staff provide additional input.

DDA Board Member Lublin said it is a good idea to recognize past-DDA Chairman Ambrose.

Managing Director Jaquays said staff can prepare some conceptual designs and locations to be discussed at the next board meeting.

EXECUTIVE & MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT:

1. DDA District, Decker Developments

Managing Director Jaquays reported that there is activity happening on-site at 800 N. Pontiac Trail, where Walled Lake's new taco bell will be constructed. Ms. Jaquays said they are preparing for the underground stormwater management system. Ms. Jaquays said staff routinely visits the site to ensure construction is in compliance with the City's regulations. Ms. Jaquays said Casey's of Walled Lake has provided an alternative temporary parking for patrons, and businesses abutting the site continue to receive their deliveries. Ms. Jaquays said the City is working with the business to ensure minimal interruptions.

Mr. Blair asked about the proposed gas station at Decker and Maple?

Ms. Jaquays said City Hall has not received a formal submission yet, however, her understanding is that the developers are preparing plans and will be submitting an application soon to go before the Planning Commission.

Mr. Blair asked if any progress has occurred at the old Fisher Fuel site?

Ms. Jaquays said code enforcement has cited the property owner and has been working with them to get the site into compliance with appropriate screening and site plan approval.

DPW Superintendent Ladd said the vehicle storage in the rear of the property has been approved, the southern portion of the site is out of compliance. Mr. Ladd said code enforcement is also working to get the building repainted.

Ms. Jaquays said Walled Lake's new Starbucks at 14 Mile and Decker is continuing to work through the permitting process. Ms. Jaquays said no observable activity has been happening on-site.

DDA Board Member Mechigan asked for an update on 141 E. Walled Lake Drive and what is being proposed in the basement.

Ms. Jaquays said new railings has been installed on the outdoor patio. Ms. Jaquays deferred to Deputy Fire Chief Gonzalez for an update.

Deputy Fire Chief Gonzalez said what is being proposed for the basement is storage and a walk-in cooler. Mr. Gonzalez said for the basement to be functional for patrons, the basement is required to be suppressed. Mr. Gonzalez said the Fire Department is waiting for fire suppression plans.

2. Public Safety Activity Report

Ms. Jaquays said Code Enforcement has been busy with citations for blight and tall grass. Ms. Jaquays said as mentioned earlier in the meeting, Code Enforcement has been working with the property owners at the old Fisher Fuel site. Ms. Jaquays said the City is working with DM Motors to get their sites into compliance. Ms. Jaquays said DM Motors is utilizing neighboring properties to store vehicles and this requires site plan approval.

3. City, DDA, and Business Event Report

Managing Director Jaquays said the City held its annual Memorial Day parade and ceremony last month. Ms. Jaquays thanked the Parks and Recreation commissioners, DDA Board Members, and City Council Members who were able to attend and assist with the staging area. Ms. Jaquays thanked DDA Board Member Millen for serving as the MC during the ceremony. Ms. Jaquays said despite a rainy start to the day, the weather did not interrupt the parade or ceremony. Ms. Jaquays said with Council's leadership of directing 850 Ladd as the staging area, from a public safety perspective, the line-up and maneuvering of vehicles and parade participants was efficient. Ms. Jaquays said we were honored to have Maurielle Lue serve as the City's Grand Marshal. Ms. Jaquays said Walled Lake received air time on Fox2 during the parade. Ms. Jaquays said for the first time in Walled Lake's history, we introduced the Walled Lake Public Safety Honor Guard, that demonstrates the unity between the Police and Fire Departments. Ms. Jaquays said during the ceremony, we recognized Council Member John Owsinek for his service in the U.S. Navy. Ms. Jaquays said the ceremony was enhanced with the City's newly purchased PA system which provided an improvement to the audio quality and music. Ms. Jaquays said for folks who were not able to attend the parade or ceremony, the Walled Lake Consolidated School District TV program recorded the event and it is available to watch on their YouTube channel. Ms. Jaquays shared two videos produced by the Greenhouse of Walled Lake capturing the parade and the Walled Lake fishing derby. Ms. Jaquays said the City is preparing for the annual Summer Festival scheduled for June 22, 2024. Ms. Jaquays said the City will be having a weekend market at the Public Safety Campus featuring food trucks, vendors, bounce castle, dog adoption, and trail walks. Ms. Jaquays said the Walled Lake Civic Fund will be having a firework display in the evening.

Mr. Millen said Fox News will be providing coverage of the events during the setup in the morning. Mr. Millen said there will be a beer tent on Liberty Street, cornhole tournament, the Howell Nature Center from 2pm – 6pm, the Ann Arbor Hands on Museum, and a photobooth opportunity. Mr. Millen shared music entertainers that will be there.

4. Ladd Road Resurfacing Update

DPW Superintendent Ladd said the City has completed all the preliminary work in preparation for the Oakland County Road Commission to resurface Ladd Road.

WARRANT REPORT:

DDA 06-03- 24 APPROVAL TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WARRANT FOR MAY 2024

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

DDA BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

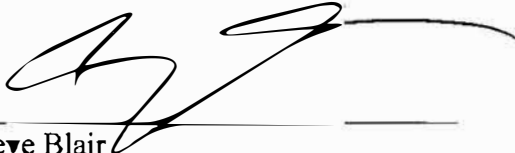
DDA 06- 04- 24 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Millen, seconded by McDonald: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To adjourn the meeting at 4: 37 PM.



Hana Jaquays
DDA Managing Director

approved 8/13/24



Steve Blair
DDA Chairman