



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015**

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

ROLL CALL: *Ackley, Ambrose, Lublin, Marshall, Ramsey, *Shuman,
Wlodarczyk

ABSENT: Kimmel, Allen

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, Council Member Sturgeon

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

DDA 03-01-15 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 10, 2015 MEETING

Motion by Lublin, supported by Wlodarczyk: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the Minutes from the February 10, 2015 meeting.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

I. CONSIDERATION OF WARRANT:

DDA 03-02-15 APPROVAL OF THE WARRANT FOR FEBRUARY 2015

Motion by Lublin, supported by Ramsey: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the warrant for February 2015.

**Ackley arrived 4:10 p.m.*

II. OLD BUSINESS:

a. 1138 E. West Maple Road- Tiny Treasures - Sign Grant

DDA 03-03-15 MOTION TO APPROVE THE SIGN GRANT FOR TINY TREASURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00

Motion by Lublin, supported by Wlodarczyk: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the sign grant for Tiny Treasures in the amount of \$500.00

III. NEW BUSINESS: None

IV. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Planning and Development Report

**Shuman arrived 4:15 p.m.*

Executive Director Whitt said some of the smaller issues around the City include several businesses taking advantage of the sign ordinance which allows flashing signs. He said the businesses are putting the signs in but are not reading the ordinance. He said the current ordinance should be addressed at the next City Council meeting. He said there is a new sign on Pontiac Trail at the dental office and Orchard Grove Church off of Maple Road. He explained the church applied in December and still need their final electrical and building inspection. He said Council agreed to move forward with some improvements to Maple Road. He said at the last Council meeting they voted to move forward with the process with the Foremost Development proposal and despite what is rumored there is no final approval, Foremost has permission to move ahead and come up with a different sort of a plan. He said the process is part of the requirement of our government and the City has to give due process until Council votes no or yes. He said that Mr. Bailey has a lot of work to do in order for Council to make an informed decision. He informed the DDA will be moving at the end of the lease and has been in the process of doing inventory and that is why DDA is meeting at City Hall. He said the current DDA lease is \$0. He reminded the DDA Board that Mike Masoud, who now owns the plaza, wanted to have lunch, which never happened. He further explained he was told by the County Assessor that Mr. Masoud told them he went to lunch with the City Manager and was approved to get a tax break. Mr. Whitt said that is not true and has never had lunch with Mr. Masoud.

DDA Chairman Ambrose acknowledged Mr. Terry Bailey's attendance and said it is important to have Mr. Bailey here in case any DDA Board Members have questions. He said it is important to have everyone on the same page so the rumors do not keep spreading.

Executive Director Whitt said that Foremost still has work to do mainly with the density and parking issues. He said he has spoken with Mr. Bailey about it before; and if those matters are not satisfied the project will not go forward.

DDA Chairman Ambrose said everybody wants the benefits of increased revenues and services which are brought on by that but no one wants the proposed development by them. He said everyone is here to try and make it work, take a look at everything, and hope to get it right.

DDA Board Member Blair asked if the developer considered double level parking.

Mr. Bailey said it has been discussed before with the City Manager and it cost money. He said the discussion was to place the parking structure would be along Pontiac Trail. He said it is expensive. He said he has talked to some local businesses about a shared parking agreement.

DDA Board Member Lublin asked about putting in basement parking and would it be cheaper to go below ground.

Mr. Bailey said going underground triples. He said the boring is six (6) to eight (8) feet below the ground.

Executive Director Whitt said what Foremost presented at the last meeting is the same. He said Council's resolution didn't approve the project but approved the continuation of the process. He said Foremost is going to need some time to come up with some ideas. He said he would expect after negotiations that the site plan is going to look different. He said the City has no final document at this time.

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

DDA Board Member Marshall said their next 5K meeting is at City Hall tomorrow at 10 am. He said everything is on track and anyone is invited to attend.

Mayor Ackley asked the Confidential Assistant Rodgers if she spoke to the school district about getting the 5K on cable. Confidential Assistant Rodgers said yes and is waiting for a phone call back.

C. Executive Director Report

V. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

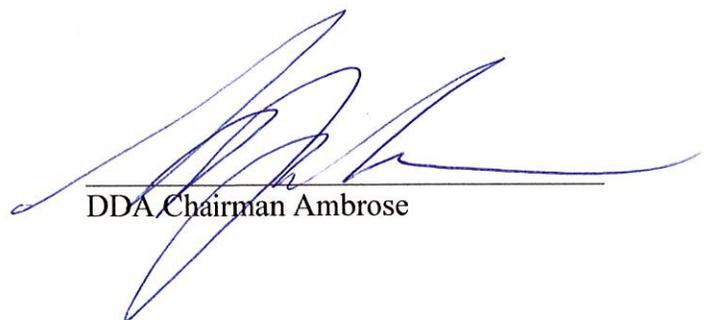
VI. **ADJOURNMENT:**

DDA 03-04-15 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Wlodarczyk, seconded by Ramsey; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To adjourn the meeting at 4:31p.m.



Chelsea Rodgers
Deputy Managing Director



DDA Chairman Ambrose