



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Ambrose, Ackley, Blair, Lublin, Marshall, Shuman, Allen

**ABSENT:** Ackley, Kimmel, Ramsey, Wlodarczyk

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Executive Director Whitt, DDA Deputy Managing Director Rodgers, Finance Director Coogan, Police Chief Shakinias, Council Member Robertson, Council Member Owsinek, Council Member Helke

**REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**DDA 05-01-16 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 12, 2016 MEETING SUBJECT TO CHANGES**

Motion by Shuman, supported by Allen: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the Minutes from the April 12, 2016 meeting

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Council Member Sue Helke distributed out copies to the DDA Board information from the Oakland County Republican Party Executive Committee to protect Michigan Historic districts. She explained it is an incentive to hang on to what the City has.

DDA Board Member Lublin said Oakland County Board of Commissioners voted to oppose weakening the historic districts program from where it is.

Matt McDonald – from 126 W. Walled Lake Drive- said he is proposing to do angle parking in front of his buildings. He said he has been trying to do angle parking down there for a while. He explained he received an e-mail from one of the members of Bernardi Land Group explaining that they would have to demolish their parking lot. He said they had a shared parking agreement there and his lot has been taken out. He said was trying to do this on his own. He said Bob Palmer told him to talk to the DDA because it is in the City right-of way. He said he wants to see if the DDA is interested in getting involved. He explained on W. Walled Lake Drive there will be additional six feet so it fits better in front of his building and would like it to match E. Walled Lake Drive. He explained an interesting fact that there was a parking agreement between the City and Pepino's that is to the South of Riley Park and that was destroyed as well. He said he wants to know if the DDA would want to fund the project and wants DDA support.

DDA Chairman Ambrose said that the City parking lot is there for all the businesses around that area: Woody's, the mattress shop, etc.

Mr. Whitt defined why Mr. McDonald is at the DDA meeting and it is because he is looking for funding. He said the DDA doesn't control the City code, which is done by City Council. He said the DDA has little to do with that other than funding projects. He said the DDA collects money and funds projects. He stated if Mr. McDonald is looking for the DDA buy in the before that can happen it still needs to go to Council and it has to follow City Codes in terms of re-doing downtown. He said the DDA has had the same kind of request from Mr. McDonald's neighbor, Pepinos's, who owns the land the restaurant was on and Pepino's is looking for funding as well. He said if McDonald doesn't want funding today, whatever involvement the DDA Board has it should include them all. He said if Mr. McDonald can sit with Pepino's and have that joint discussion the City and DDA does not need to pick sides because there is a legal battle going on. He said the City will not pick sides. He said it is not a mistake to get them all in the same room and come out with an agreement. He said it is in the City and DDA best interest to develop that entire area including McDonald's area and if angled parking is what is the best for that area then that is what the City ought to do and the DDA may want to fund it. He said have to look at it as the whole picture and not just his spot or Pepino's spot and they are in the middle of that. He explained his parking problem is magnified by what occurred but mainly it is a distance problem. He explained the parking lot still exists. He explained Mr. McDonald's patrons would have to walk some distance and it is about convenience. He said as the DDA Board has to look at the big picture. He explained it should be considered together and if Mr. McDonald is not looking for funding then the next option for him is to get his paperwork into have City staff and City Council has to vote to change anything downtown it is not done by the DDA. He said that Mr. McDonald needs to make nice and have everyone get together and cut a deal to redevelop that corner quickly.

Chairman Ambrose said the DDA Board will accept the paperwork, review it, and talk to all the parties involved and see if the City can sit down with everyone and cut a deal.

**I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**II. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Bucket Truck**

Finance Director Coogan showed the DDA Board a Memorandum that is going before City Council to approve the new purchase of the Department of Public Service (DPS) bucket truck. She said the DDA approved \$110,000 and the truck will take five (5) months to get. She explained it was approved in next year's budget and asking the DDA Board to approve the purchase. She said the purchase price is \$106,000 and is State of Michigan pricing.

DDA Board Member Shuman asked why it is taking so long to get the truck and that he has a bucket truck he can sell to the DPS.

