



City of Southgate
Downtown Development Authority Informational Meeting
October 22, 2020

A Meeting of the Downtown Development Authority was held on October 22, 2020 through a virtual video call on Zoom.

Present-	Brian Batko, Bruce Genthe, Wally Kleit, Joseph Kuspa, Angela Lancina, Alex Leonard, Ron Moran
Absent-	Mohamed Aborabboh
Also Present-	DDA Director Stephanie McNees, City Administrator Dustin Lent, Parks and Recreation Director Julie Goddard

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kuspa at 3:35 p.m.

Reports:

- 1. Minutes – May 7, 2020 Informational Meeting Minutes**
It was moved by Batko, supported by Moran, to approve the special meeting minutes of May 7, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously
- 2. DDA Director Position Update**
Director McNees's last day with the DDA is October 23rd. Kuspa updated the Board that candidates are currently being interviewed and evaluated to fill the position.

Kleit arrived at 3:43pm

New Business:

- 1. Recreation Millage Update**
Goddard attended the meeting to give the Board an update on all of the recent Rec Millage projects. The path on Trenton Road connecting Pennsylvania/Fort to Leroy is complete, and the path surrounding the Train Park will be started soon. The Dog Park's Welcome Center is complete, and the next step is fencing for the park. The Splash Pad project in Market Center Park will be installed Spring/Summer of 2021, with new play structures at Cobb and Lions Park also on the way.
- 2. Tree Lighting and 11th Annual Santa's Express Train Rides**
McNees provided the Board with information about this year's Winter Wonderland events. Both the Tree Lighting and the Train Rides will happen this year, with extra measures put into place for the safety of the community members.

Old Business:

- 1. Halloween Drive Thru Event**
McNees updated the Board on the DDA's most recent event, the Halloween Drive Thru. The event was fully funded by generous donations from the business community, providing a free, family-friendly Halloween experience for families. The Drive Thru had 211 cars and 500 children attend.

Genthe left at 3:55pm

Adjournment:

Moved by Batko, support by Moran, that this meeting of the Downtown Development Authority be adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mission Statement

The Southgate Downtown Development Authority's mission is to strengthen the economic vitality of the District by creating an environment that promotes commerce, enhances aesthetics, explores mixed-use development and encourages stakeholder participation.

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Stephanie McNees
Recording Secretary

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