



City of Southgate
Downtown Development Authority Meeting
April 21st, 2022

A Meeting of the Downtown Development Authority was held on April 22nd, 2022 at City Hall, 14400 Dix-Toledo Highway, Southgate, Michigan in the Council Chambers.

Present-	Brian Batko, Alex Leonard, Ron Moran, Bruce Genthe, Joseph Kuspa, Lauren Moser, Greg Kowalsky, Wally Kleit
Absent-	Mohammed Aborabboh
Also Present-	DDA Liaison Zoey Kuspa, Finance Director/Asst. City Administrator David Angileri and Parks & Recreation Director Julie Goddard

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kuspa at 5:06 p.m.

Reports:

1. Minutes – January 20th, 2022 Informational Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Moran, supported by Moser, to approve the special meeting minutes of January 20th, 2022 with changes being made to #2 in Reports – should have read replacing Angela Lancina and not Lauren Moser. Motion carried unanimously

New Business:

1. DDA Revenue Sharing Agreement

- a. Presented by Finance Director David Angileri
- b. About \$80,000 moving forward for two years. There has been growth in the district lately. Due to Covid – Court was not in session for period of time and decreased court/police fees were collecting during that time. Collected about \$700,000 instead of about \$1.4 million
- c. ARPA Money Discussion from Government was had and discussion about what CDBG Classification we were given and why we received significant less money that several neighboring communities due to classifications.

It was moved by Batko, supported by Moser to approve the DDA Revenue Sharing agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

2. 2022-2023 DDA Proposed Budget

It was moved by Moran, supported by Genthe to approve the 2022-2023 DDA Proposed Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Heritage Days

Kuspa/Goddard updated the board on the return of Heritage Days for June 16th-18th with events, bands, and activities planned.

4. Thursday Concert in the Park

Goddard updated the board that Thursday Concerts at Market Center Park would be returning June 16th for Heritage Days Kickoff and ending August 25th. Former Director Tear booked all band before leaving her position with the City.

5. DDA Job Position

Goddard updated the board that Interview were being setup for the DDA Open Director Position.

Old Business:

1. Business Awards Update

Goddard will send out list of businesses to pick from for assistance in picking awards

2. Easter Egg Hung

Goddard/Kuspa gave report on the turnout of the Annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by DDA and the CASE Commission. Event was very successful.

Misc:

Kuspa gave update on the PNC Bank Building Project. It will be luxury living spaces with 201 units, featuring studios and two bedrooms units. Estimated time of completion will be 2.5 years. Once all funding is secured due to severe price increase from Covid – a presentation will be given on the remodel

Adjournment:

Moved by Batko, support by Genthe, that this meeting of the Downtown Development Authority be adjourned at 5:52 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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Julie Goddard
Recording Secretary
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