



City of Southgate
Downtown Development Authority Meeting
June 9th, 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, Ron Moran, Bruce Genthe, Joseph Kuspa, Lauren Moser, Greg Kowalsky,

Absent- Mohammed Aborabboh, Alex Leonard and Wally Kleit

Also Present- DDA Liaison Zoey Kuspa and Parks & Recreation Director Julie Goddard

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kuspa at 5:03 p.m.

Reports:

1. Minutes – April 21st, 2022 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Moran, supported by Genthe, to approve the meeting minutes of April 21st, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

1. DDA Director Update

- a. Update was given on the status of the DDA Director Position. At this time, the City Administration is considering changing the Job Description. It will be discussed further when the new City Administrator, Dan Marsh, is in office and it can be discussed.
- b. A recommendation was made by Acting DDA Director Goddard and Chairman Joseph Kuspa to hire Stephanie McNees as a Contracted Worker for the City of Southgate to assist in planning and executing the events for the DDA for the summer month. The recommendation is attached to the minutes in full.

It was moved by Batko, supported by Moser to approve the recommendation of the hiring of Stephanie McNees to assist the DDA temporarily, Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Stipend for DDA work performed Julie Goddard in lieu of DDA Director

The Board discussed the work that Julie Goddard has performed for the DDA since February of 2022 when the DDA Director left that position. It appears that we will not be replacing the directorship until sometime around September of 2022. Therefore, the board further discussed providing a stipend for Mrs. Goddard to cover the additional time she has worked and will continue to work administrating the DDA.

It was moved by Moran, supported by Batko to provide Julie Goddard with a \$5000 stipend to cover additional work that she has performed and will continue to perform administrating the DDA. Motion carried unanimously

2. Information Update

- a. Shooting Range is being built on Reeck Road
- b. Car Wash is in the works for Dix-Toledo and Eureka Roads – Tommy's
- c. Taco Bell has been demolished and will be rebuilt. A knee wall will be added in the front and the DDA may consider putting in an electronic screen to advertise event at Market Center Park and in the City.
- d. Hotel will be going in next to Staybridge Suites eventually
- e. PNC Bank Project is still looking hopeful

Old Business:

- 1. Heritage Days – Brief update was given on the plans for the weekend of Heritage Days June 16th-June 18th that including the activities and bands planned for the whole weekend. Dr. Blanzky has been in business 62 years and will be the Grand Marshall of the Parade.

Adjournment:

Moved by Batko, support by Kowalsky, that this meeting of the Downtown Development Authority be adjourned at 5:43 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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