

City of Southgate
Downtown Development Authority
Special Meeting
September 29, 2022

A Special meeting of the Downtown Development Authority was held on September 29, 2022 at City Hall, 14440 Dix-Toledo Highway, Southgate, MI in the Mayor's Office

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mohammad Aborabboh, Brian Batko, Wally Kleit, Greg Kowalsky, Joseph Kuspa, Alex Leonard, Ron Moran

MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED: Bruce Genthe, Lauren Moser

STAFF: City Administrator Dan Marsh, Parks and Recreation Director Julie Goddard

GUESTS: Zoey Kuspa (City Council Liaison)

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kuspa at 5:01 PM

Reports:

a) **Minutes** – July 26, 2022 Regular Meeting

It was moved by Moran, supported by Batko, to approve the meeting minutes of July 26, 2022 as presented. Motion carried unanimously

New Business:

a) **DDA Director Position**

Chairman Kuspa advised the board of the selection and interview process. A copy of Kaylee Mondrella's resume and contract was presented to the board.

It was moved by Moran, supported by Kleit, to concur with the appointment of Kaylee Mondrella as DDA Director. Motion carried unanimously

b) **BIG Grant**

Julie Goddard provided an updated application for the Business Improvement (BIG) Grant

It was moved by Batko supported by Kleit to reinstate the FY 2022-2023 BIG Grant Program. Motion carried unanimously

c) **Davidson Middle School**

In June of 2012, the Southgate School District was discussing the installation of a digital sign at the corner of Trenton Road and Leroy in front of Davidson Middle School. At that time, the DDA awarded a grant of \$1500 toward the installation of the sign with the understanding that the DDA would be able to advertise DDA events on the sign. Although the sign was not installed since the 2012 motion authorizing the grant, new discussions have occurred indicating that the sign will now be installed. A motion to reaffirm the DDA Grant was requested.

It was moved by Batko supported by Kowalsky to reaffirm the motion from the June 18, 2012 meeting to grant \$1500 toward the digital sign display at Davidson on Leroy and Trenton, with the understanding that the school district will allow the DDA to advertise on the digital display. Motion carried unanimously

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Aborabbah supported by Moran to adjourn the meeting at 5:39pm Motion carried unanimously