



# Downtown Development Authority

## City of Ecorse, Michigan

# Minutes (Informal, NO QUORUM) - DRAFT

Ecorse Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board Meeting

Thursday, December 2, 2021 – 8:30 am via Zoom

Zoom ID: 3886354369, password: 5555 or call in at 312-626-6799 ID: 3886354369

### 1. Meeting Not Called to Order – No Quorum

### 2. Roll Call:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Johnny Gewarges, Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darcel Brown, Mayor-Pro Tem
<input type="checkbox"/> Kosta (Gus) Callis, Vice-Chairman	<input type="checkbox"/> Harvey Ghuman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jackie Brown, Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Reed
<input type="checkbox"/> Lamar Tidwell, Mayor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Rose
<input type="checkbox"/> Tim Sadowski	

**Also present:** Nani Wolf (McKenna), John Jackson (McKenna), Larry Steckelberg (State of Michigan Treasury)

### 3. Information

- 1) Fundraising Committee – End of 2021 Update
- 2) Chairperson Update on Southfield Corridor Plan Meeting
- 3) Mayor's Office Update on Christmas Lighting

### 4. Approval of the Agenda

No motion.

### 5. Approval of the Minutes of the November 4, 2021 DDA Meeting

No motion.

### 6. Old Business

- 1) Banners and Refuse Containers
  - Banners
    - General approval of new colors
    - Staff to contact Wayne County over "Destination Downriver" logo modification
  - Refuse Containers – Suggested locations
    - Dingell Park
    - Pepper Road Park
    - Near City Hall
    - Bus Stops

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- 2) Communications Plan
  - Staff to connect with Commissioner Callis on draft
  - Interest in DDA Facebook Page creation

**7. New Business**

- 1) Meeting Time
  - Commissioner Rose voiced work conflict (7:30am-3pm)
  - Chairperson Gewarges voiced conflict due to school drop-off and pick-up times affecting multiple Board members
  - Staff to send out meeting time poll
- 2) Calendar for 2022
  - Meetings to remain on the first Thursday of the month
- 3) Annual Report

No motion. Report to be sent to Treasury and taxable jurisdictions by December 31, 2021, and moved upon at the January 6, 2022, Board meeting.

**8. Next Meeting:**

- 1) Spring Outreach Brainstorming
  - a. Food Truck Rally
    - Auburn Café and Nate's BBQ have expressed desire to attend
    - Staff to set up flier and discuss permits, possible social district closure, and supplies with City; final project budget to be approved next month after cost estimates provided
    - Tentatively to be on Thursdays in Dingell Park, with possible additional rallies at the Walleye Tournament and Fireworks Show
    - Pop up tables for non-food vendors suggested
    - Table rental and vendor fee discussed
  - b. Farmers Market
  - c. Creek Cleanup
    - Suggestion by Commissioner Rose to do a Dingell Park cleanup in late April and an Ecorse Creek cleanup in the summer
    - Commissioner Rose to report back at January Board meeting
- 2) Communications Plan Draft
- 3) Annual Report Approval

**9. Public Comments**

No public comment.

**10. Board Member Comments**

No public comment.

**11. Adjournment**

**12. No motion.**