



**DDA Meeting Minutes  
4/12/23  
City Hall  
3355 S. Wayne Rd.  
Wayne, MI 48184**

Members Present: Demmer, White-Jenkins, Gocaj, T. Walker, Rhaesa. P. Walker, Law, Rhaesa and Steinhauer

Member Absent: None

Also Present: Lori Gouin, Lisa Kubany, and Councilman Eric Cleereman

Chairman Demmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Gocaj, supported by Rhaesa to approve the agenda with the addition of item 7A (Façade Improvement Application). Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Steinhauer, supported by T. Walker to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2023, regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Law arrived at 6:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Law supported by P. Walker to ratify payment of the following bills: David Zukerman-2 @ \$2,500. Service Electric \$735, T's Lawncare \$900, Lisa Kubany- \$93.67T-Mibile \$92.42. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by T. Walker, supported by Gocaj to approve payment of the following bills: Sank Pictures- \$750, Sponsorship Solutions- \$800, Lisa Kubany- \$35.00 and Wayne DPW- \$1,212.94. K-9 Star Productions \$500.

A motion was made by Gocaj, supported by Steinhauer, to ratify payment of a bill for the Wayne Dispatch in the amount of \$1,000.00. Motion carried with Rhaesa abstaining.

The Revenue and Expenditure report for the period ending March 31, 2023 was reviewed.

P. Walker arrived at 6:12 p.m.

A motion was made by Gocaj, supported by Law to approve the proposed 2023-2024 Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Steinhauer, supported by White-Jenkins to approve the Façade Improvement application for Tiffany Walker (Moonlit Mystic's Magical Realm) in the amount of \$1,695.00. Motion carried with T. Walker abstaining.

A motion was made by Gocaj, supported by White-Jenkins to approve the purchase of up to 10 additional Christmas lights from Bronners. Motion carried unanimously.

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Discussion took place regarding vacant properties and the condition of existing properties. Gouin provided White-Jenkins with property sheets including photos of each property along the Wayne Rd. and Michigan Ave. Corridor in the Downtown. White-Jenkins also requested a written report giving an update on the status of long time vacant or properties that have proposed project.

Kubany presented the Board with a Community Resource Guide to assist homeless individuals that enter into businesses. Sgt. Perez assisted with this project. She also provided a detailed spreadsheet outlining the date, details and estimated cost on the following scheduled events, Eggcellent Adventure, Mother's Day Sip and Shop, Restaurant week, Wednesday's in Wayne Food Truck's at Goudy Park, Movie Night's in the Park, Small Business Saturday, Gold Box/Passport Giveaway and the Tree Lighting at the Museum. She also presented some potential new events, Art Show in Derby's Alley, Brr Fest, Chili Cook off, Sidewalk Sales, Adopt a Pet and Kids Day in Downtown.

Gouin invited members of the Board to the Grand Opening of Taste the Smoke on 4/19/23 at 5:00 p.m.

Board Member Comments:

Gocaj talked about the US-12 Cruise.

Demmer commented on the Condition of the Alley next to the Chamber of Commerce.

Rhaesa talked about the litter problem in the Downtown. He suggested that we may need to do a study to determine if we need to place more trash receptacles on Wayne Rd. and Michigan Ave. He also commented on the condition of the City Parking lots. Rhaesa suggested that we look at having the Downtown Banner change out sub-contracted. He gave members of the Board an update on the interior progress of Chemistry Banquet Hall.

Discussion took place in regard to the condition of the planting beds. It was suggested that perhaps we bid out having all of them redone. Rhaesa felt that the bunny grass did not make it because new dirt was not used when they were planted. Gouin will look into this.

Based on a motion by Law, supported by Gocaj, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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