

City of Ypsilanti  
Downtown Development Authority  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, August 17, 2017 – 8:30 a.m.  
SPARK East  
215 W. Michigan Ave.

Agenda

The Mission of the Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority (YDDA) is to undertake district-wide improvements that have the greatest impact in strengthening the downtown areas and attracting new business. The primary goal of the YDDA is to implement positive economic, physical, aesthetic, and community changes in each of our four districts.

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call**

Amanda Edmonds	P	Jelani McGadney	P
Jessica French	A	Andrew O’Neal	P
Adam Gainsley	P	Diana Wong	P
Martha Cleary	A	Mark Teachout (C)	A
Ben Harrington	P	Dieter Otto	P
RayVon Williams	P		

**III. Introductions: N/A**

**IV. Approval of Agenda (X)\***

- Diana Wong motioned to approve the agenda. RayVon Williams supported the motion and it passed unanimously.

**V. Approval of June 16, 2017 Minutes (X)\***

- Rayvon Williams motioned to approve the June 16, 2017 minutes. Andrew O’Neal supported the motion and it passed unanimously.

**VI. Audience Participation (3 minutes each): N/A**

**VII. Staff Report/Financial Report (X)**

Joe presented the staff report and fielded questions.

## VIII. Ypsilanti Police Department Update

- Chief DeGiusti updated the board on policing in the downtown area as well as the current status of obtaining a DDA officer, then fielded questions.

## IX. Standing Committee Reports

### Operations and Finance Committee (X)

- Budget Adjustments (X)\*
  - Ben Harrington updated the board on improvements to the budget which would allow us to fund additional grants in downtown.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Ben Harrington and supported by Member Diana Wong.

WHEREAS, one of the Ypsilanti DDA Board's guiding principles is to market Ypsilanti's unique characteristics to residents, visitors, investors and business owners. An important part of marketing

WHEREAS, the Operations and Finance Committee has identified the Façade and Building Rehab Grants as a high priority and responsibility of the YDDA annually;

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. the YDDA increase the budget line item in Downtown for Building Rehab Grants 2017-18 fiscal year budget from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and Façade Improvement Grants for FY 2017-18 from \$0-\$10,000 .
2. these funds be earmarked from Downtown TIF revenue sources as appropriate.
3. all resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are and the same hereby are rescinded.

AYES Amanda Edmonds, Adam Gainsley, Jelani McGadney, RayVon Williams, Ben Harrington, Andrew O'Neal, Diana Wong

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

- Website Proposal\*
  - Joe updated the board on the website proposal from Invisible Engines for 6,960. Adam Gainsley gave additional support to the offer and fielded questions.
  - Ben Harrington moved to approve the website proposal. Diana Wong supported the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Maple Street Lot Policy (X)\*
  - Ben Harrington updated the board on the Maple Street Lot policy recommendation from the Operation and Finance Committee and fielded questions.
  - Ben Harrington motioned to approve the attached Maple Street Lot policy recommendation. Jelani McGadney supported the motion and it was approved unanimously.

**X. Old Business**

**XI. New Business**

- Annual Meeting

**XII. Proposed Business**

**XIII. Staff Updates**

**XIV. Announcements/Comments**

**XV. Public Participation**

XVI. Next Meeting: September 21, 8:30 a.m., SPARK East, 215 W. Michigan Ave.

Key: (\*) = items requiring Board action    (X) = documents attached in board packet