

City of Ypsilanti
Downtown Development Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, November 16, 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	A	Jelani McGadney	A
Jessica French	A	Andrew O’Neal	P
Adam Gainsley	P	Diana Wong	P
Martha Cleary	P	Mark Teachout (C)	P
Ben Harrington	P	Dieter Otto	P
RayVon Williams	A		

III. Introductions

- Emily Tuesday From Riverside Art Center introduced herself

IV. Approval of Agenda (X)*

- Andrew O’Neal motioned to approve the agenda and Dieter Otto supported the motion. The DDA board passed the motion.

V. Approval of October 19, 2017 Minutes (X)*

- Adam Gainsley motioned to approve the October 19th meeting notes and Diana Wong supported the motion. The DDA board passed the motion.

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

VII. Staff Report/Financial Report (X)

- Joe Meyers presented the staff report and discussed DDA updates

VIII. Standing Committee Reports

A. Operations and Finance Committee

- Joe Meyers informed the board of the budget and trash discussion that took place during the committee meeting.

IX. Old Business: N/A

X. New Business

A. City of Ypsilanti Police Department Update

- Chief DeGiusti answered parking concerns in Depot Town and fielded questions from the board
- Chief DeGiusti informed the board of Part A and B crimes in the area.
- Discussed how the county millage on mental health will assist the Police Department in adding a police officer.
- Reminded the board to remind their customers to lock their doors during the holiday season
- Mark Teachout concurred with Chief DeGiusti on his comments for Bike Night, and requested officer presence to control the noise.

B. Riverside Arts Center Update

- Emily Tuesday introduced herself, gave updates to Riverside Art Center and requested the DDA board support them in making RAC more inclusive to community.

C. City of Ypsilanti/YDDA Contractual Services Agreement (X)*

- Joe informed the board that the staff contract is up for renewal and informed the board that if we are to continue service, board approval will be needed before taking the recommendation to City Council.
- Board members discussed their opinions of the contract and staff performance
- Beth informed the board that on Dec 5th Council will meet to vote on the extension of the contract and encouraged board members to attend the meeting.
- Adam Gainsley motioned to renew the DDA contract as written and Diana Wong supported the motioned. The board unanimously approved the motion.

XI. Proposed Business: N/A

XII. Staff Updates: N/A

XIII. Announcements/Comments: N/A

XIV. Public Participation: N/A

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

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