



MINUTES  
DDA BOARD MEETING  
8:30 AM - Thursday, April 21, 2022  
Back Office Studio - 13 N. Washington St. / Virtual Hybrid

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**1. CALL TO ORDER (8:38am)**

**2. ROLL CALL**

PATTON DOYLE (C)	P	YLONDIA PORTIS	P
KAYIA HINTON	A	ANDY FRENCH	P
DIETER OTTO	P	JEN EASTRIDGE	A
PAUL AJLOUNY	A	LOIS ALLEN RICHARDSON	P (9:06am)
BRANDON DENT	A	BRYAN FOLEY	P
MALISSA GILLET	P	JOE RITCHIE	P

**3. AGENDA APPROVAL**

Propose to reorder New Business agenda items in the following order - 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.6, 8.7, 8.1, 8.5.

***Andy French motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Dieter Otto supported the motion. Motion passed - unanimous.***

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***Andy French motioned to approve the March 17, 2022 Board Meeting minutes and Dieter Otto supported the motion. Motion passed - unanimous.***

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES EACH) - none**

**6. STAFF REPORT/FINANCIAL REPORT**

Cafe lights in Depot Town came down with the wind last week. They were newly replaced at the time, but the lighting company came out for repairs. Alley lights behind Bobcat Bonnies also fell. Long term lights will need quarterly checkups.

Staff reported that the DDA did get a DTE grant for \$5,000 but not a Match on Main grant this round.

Patton Doyle has started exploratory conversations with potential partners regarding Washington Street safety. Conversations included staff, SOS, and YDL.

**7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**7.1. Operations and Finance Committee**

Patton Doyle provided updates on the committee.

**7.2. Grants Committee**

There was no quorum, but a work session took place for staff guidance. Staff plans to open Facade and Rehab Grants on May 1st, and they will be due May 31st.

**7.3. Ad Hoc Committee for Equitable Investment**

Staff reviewed the recommendations from the committee and recommended that the committee be extended for six months.

Mayor Lois Allen Richardson arrived.

***Motion to extend the Ad Hoc Committee for Equitable investment for six months by Malissa Gillett and supported by Bryan Foley. Motion passed - unanimous.***

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### **8.2. YDL Special Event Sponsorship Request**

YDL is requesting that the DDA sponsor by waiving fees for their Story Time in Riverside Park.

***Andy French motioned to sponsor the YDL Storytime in the Park by waiving any City fees associated to renting a portion of the park. Malissa Gillett supported the motion. Motion passed - unanimous.***

### **8.3. Downtown Dumpster Murals**

Staff presented an alternate approach to the dumpster enclosure murals. Op/Fin committee had instructed staff to ask for new quotes including costs specific to priming and finishing.

Two of three artists have resubmitted a quote. One is within the range expected and the other one is higher.

***Ylondia Portis motioned to approve quotes for N. Adams and S. Huron enclosures for up to \$5,000, and N. Huron enclosure for up to \$5,500. Dieter Otto supported the motion. Motion passed - unanimous.***

### **8.4. Juneteenth Special Event Sponsorship**

Trische Duckworth provided a presentation, schedule and a budget.

Patton Doyle suggested that the board keep in mind caps set in place by the board on other events.

Andy French expressed that he is uncomfortable with the cost breakdown given that the Depot Town portion of the event is four hours as opposed to 16 hours Downtown. He said he would support a split of \$3,500 and \$1,500 instead.

Andy French had to leave the meeting at 9:48am.

***Mayor Lois Allen Richardson motioned to approve the event sponsorship for Juneteenth at \$3,500 from Downtown budget, and \$1,500 from the Depot Town budget. Bryan Foley supported the motion. Motion passed - unanimous.***

### **8.6. YDDA Summer Movie Series**

The DDA received a \$5,000 grant for this project.

The board discussed locations. Staff pointed out that events are more popular when the sun goes down sooner for kids movies. Downtown location is not ideal.

The board discussed removing Downtown location.

***Joe Ritchie motioned to support the YDDA Summer Movie Series for \$4,100 from the West Cross budget, and \$4,100 from the Depot Town budget. Malissa Gillett supported the motion. Motion passed - unanimous.***

### **8.7. Resolution Authorizing YDDA Chair Patton Doyle to sign documents for sale of Riverside Arts Center**

Patton Doyle asked to amend the Resolution by using the title Chair, instead of President and Secretary.

On this, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, the Board of Directors of Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority, a Michigan municipal authority (“the Board”), by a satisfactory quorum, passed and approved the sale of the site and building now occupied by Riverside Arts Center, Inc., a Michigan non-profit corporation, together with the parking lot to the North, and an easement for the lot from the building site (See survey and description attached). The Board authorized the Chair, Patton Doyle, to execute any and all documents to effect this transaction. The sale price pursuant to the previously executed option to Riverside Arts Center, Inc., is approved at \$300,000.00. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority, a Michigan municipal corporation

***Ylondia Portis motioned to approve the Resolution authorizing YDDA Chair Patton Doyle to sign documents for the sale of the Riverside Arts Center. Dieter Otto supported the motion. Motion passed-unanimous.***

### **8.1. TheRide 2045 Long-Range Plan**

No presentation. Slides in packet.

The board discussed the millage. Do we support this plan as a DDA? It is great for the DDA, but it may not be popular for taxpayers.

### **8.5. Parking Deck Feasibility Study Update**

Bonnie Wessler provided a presentation and update. The board discussed long term maintenance. This update just provides the size and footprint in two potential locations. No decision needs to be made.

## **9. PROPOSED BUSINESS**

Bonnie Wessler recommends a joint meeting to be scheduled between the DDA and City Council regarding the Parking Deck Feasibility Study.

## **10. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION -none**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion to adjourn at 10:43am by Ylondia Portis, and supported by Malissa Gillett. Motion passed-unanimous.***