



MINUTES
DDA BOARD MEETING
8:30 AM - Thursday, October 20, 2022
Freighthouse - 100 Market Pl. Ypsilanti 48198

1. CALL TO ORDER (8:41am)

2. ROLL CALL

PATTON DOYLE (C)	P	KAYIA HINTON	P
YLONDIA PORTIS	P (8:41am)	ANDY FRENCH (V)	P
DIETER OTTO	A	JEN EASTRIDGE	A
PAUL AJLOUNY	P	LOIS ALLEN RICHARDSON	A
BRYAN FOLEY	A	MALISSA GILLETT	P
JOE RITCHIE	A	VALORY BROWN	P

Staff Present: Christopher Jacobs, Elize Jekabson

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

Andy French motioned to approve the agenda. Kayia Hinton supported the motion. Motion passed - unanimous.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Andy French motioned to approve the September 22, 2022 Board Meeting minutes and Kayia Hinton supported the motion. Motion passed - unanimous.

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

6. STAFF REPORT/FINANCIAL REPORT Staff gave updates on the check registry and the financial report. All of the ExploreYpsi reimbursements are in process. Staff spoke about some changes at Red Rock and Hamburger Marys.

7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

7.1. Operations and Finance Committee

Andy French recapped the operations and finance committee meeting. Most of the items are on the agenda, but Brian Foley did make some updates about Supreme Felons and Washington Street.

Valory Brown confirmed the corner by Deja Vu is currently as bad as its ever been.

The lawsuit between the City and Deja Vu has settled, and activity should be coming back to that corner.

7.2. Ad Hoc Committee For Equitable Investment

The meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum. Staff is proposing that next months strategic planning session be during the Ad Hoc committee meeting on November 15th.

Ylondia Portis pointed out how the work at the equity committee meeting has strongly impacted the Match on Main scores.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

8.1. Depot Town Halloween Candy Giveaway Sponsorship - \$500

8.2. Warming Center Sponsorship Depot Town - \$3,000

8.3. Love at First Try Special Event Sponsorship - \$500

Andy French motioned to approve the consent agenda. Kayia Hinton Supported the motion. Motion passed - unanimous.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. Match on Main Grant Submissions

Staff will be working on solidifying the revolving loan fund so that this year's applicants have access to it.

Ylondia Portis motioned to submit applications to the MEDC Match on Main program for Love at First Try and Go Ice Cream. Paul Ajlouny supported the motion. Motion passed - unanimous.

9.2. Subcontractor for Dumpster Cleaning Services

Delonzo Weaver was recommended by the Operations and Finance committee for the dumpster cleaning services. He works for the city, and he has a skill in cleaning and organizing. He has asked for two months up front due to personal reasons, and asked if the DDA will accommodate that.

Andy French motioned to approve the quote for Dumpster Cleaning services from Delonzo Weaver for \$750 a month. Two months to be paid up front. Malissa Gillett supported the motion. Motion passed - unanimous.

9.3. Rocky Horror Live Proposal

Staff has confirmed that the performance group will be all present, and has cleared up many details that the operations and finance committee has asked about.

Malissa Gillett motioned to approve a Depot Town special events sponsorship for \$1000 to Evalino Productions to perform before the October 27th screening of Rocky Horror Picture Show. Kayia Hinton supported the motion. Motion passed - unanimous.

9.4. Explore Ypsi Recap

Staff reported the ExploreYpsi West Cross program as a success.

10. PROPOSED BUSINESS

Andy French asked about snow removal and its priority in parking lots given the DPS Director has changed. Staff does not anticipate any change.

11. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Sierra Lambert - Owner of Bridge Community Cafe- expressed that she was happy to finally sit in on one of these meetings.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:38am by Ylondia Portis and supported by Andy French. Motion passed - unanimous.