



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021**

The Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Allen, Ambrose, Blair, Easter, Lublin, Marshal, Smith

ABSENT: Ackley, Millen, Shuman, Wlodarczyk,

There being a quorum present, the meeting was declared in session.

OTHERS PRESENT: Finance Director Pesta, DDA Managing Director Jaquays, Chief Shakinas, Captain Kolke

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES:

DDA Chairman Ambrose requested to add “In-person DDA Meetings” under New Business.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. Regular DDA Meeting of September 14, 2021

DDA 10-01-21 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 MEETING

Motion by Blair, supported by Lublin: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the minutes from the September 14, 2021 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Update on Farmers Market Activity & Report on Public Safety Campus

DDA Managing Director Jaquays reported that there are three markets remaining of the 2021 season. Ms. Jaquays said earlier this month the market hosted “Harvest Festival” in partnership with All City Dogs food truck and Chamberlin Pony Rides. Ms. Jaquays said this event is a template to build upon for future events at the farmers market and at the Public Safety Campus.

DDA Board Member Lublin asked if the vendors are on the dirt or asphalt?

DDA Managing Director Jaquays responded that the vendors are on the dirt/gravel area and the patrons visiting the market park are on the asphalt parking lot.

DDA Chairman Ambrose described market days when there was heavy rainfall and how the vendors were able to adjust to some of the wet areas.

DDA Board Member Easter asked if the connection to the MI Airline trail is open yet?

DDA Managing Director Jaquays said no, not yet. Ms. Jaquays said the site is being prepared for an official opening.

DDA Chairman Ambrose said he attended the open house for the Fire Department and that he saw a rendering of the training facility proposed for the public safety campus. Mr. Ambrose asked if that is in the future plans?

DDA Executive Director Whitt said one of the reasons why the bridge connection to the MI Airline trail is not open is because the site will be undergoing construction. Mr. Whitt said landscaping is being done, and then preparations for the training facility and for the memorial. Mr. Whitt thanked the DDA for their commitments to developing the gateway into Walled Lake.

2. Mayor Ackley's Trunk-or-Treat

DDA Chairman Ambrose reported that the Greenhouse is solidifying participants and getting businesses to confirm their attendance.

DDA Board Member Blair said he confirmed his attendance.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. In-Person DDA Meetings

DDA Executive Director Whitt said live meetings can be arranged in accordance with any public health orders that may be active. Mr. Whitt said he is prepared to have a hybrid-meeting, with staff attending through ZOOM should board members wish to meet in-person.

DDA Board Member Lublin asked if there should be an enforcement of masks?

DDA Executive Whitt said he will not order masks to be worn. Mr. Whitt said that enforcement comes from a higher authority.

**DDA 10-02-21 MOTION TO HAVE REGULAR NOVEMBER DDA MEETING IN-
PERSON AT CITY HALL WITH ACCESSIBILITY THROUGH
ZOOM**

Motion by Ambrose, supported by Blair: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To have Regular November DDA Meeting In-Person at City Hall with accessibility through ZOOM.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

1. Pontiac Trail and Decker Road Sidewalk Project Update

DDA Executive Director Whitt said there is a new sidewalk along Decker from Maple Road to 14 Mile Road. Mr. Whitt said staff held a meeting with the County to discuss completion of the 14 Mile project. Mr. Whitt said Decker Road is the gateway into the City and downtown.

DDA Board Member Easter asked about the drains and road condition along East Walled Lake Drive?

DDA Executive Director Whitt said there will be grant work that will be starting. Mr. Whitt said the City is still working toward improving the aging infrastructure.

DDA Board Member Lublin asked if there were any projects happening along Pontiac Trail?

DDA Executive Director Whitt said there is no construction going on, however the City is looking into addressing some of the sidewalks around Pontiac Trail. Mr. Whitt said the DDA has spent a significant amount of money within their authority to develop a walkable community for Walled Lake. Mr. Whitt said the next area will be to address areas around the Walled Lake Villa.

WARRANT REPORT:

**DDA 10-03- 21 APPROVAL TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WARRANT FOR
SEPTEMBER 2021**

Motion by Lublin, supported by Easter: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To receive and file the warrant for September 2021.

DDA BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

DDA Chairman Ambrose encouraged folks to come out to the Trunk-or-Treat at the end of the month.

ADJOURNMENT:

DDA 10-04-21 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ambrose, seconded by Lublin; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To adjourn the meeting at 4:28 p.m.



Hana Jaquays
DDA Managing Director

Casey Ambrose
DDA Chairman