

MINUTES

Allen Park Downtown Development Authority

Board Meeting

Thursday, May 25, 2023

6:30 p.m.

The Allen Park Downtown Development Authority met in a special session on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., at city hall, 15915 Southfield Road, Allen Park, MI 48101.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Vice Chair/ Secretary called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL** Chairperson Riviera called the roll. A quorum was present.

Present:	Alex Alexander	Director
	Fred Frank	Director
	Gail McLeod	Mayor
	Paul Carnarvon	Treasurer
	Andre Tirado	Director
	Greg Genter	Director
	Cynthia Riviera	Vice chair/Secretary

Excused:	Jeff Holden	Director
	Frank Cieszkowski	Director
	Pete Zingas	Director
	Kurt Mazag	Chair Person
	Trevor Daniel	DDA Legal Counsel

Others Present:	Benjamin Hughes	Executive Director
	Lauren Bielak	Special Events Coordinator/Executive Assistant

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by A.Tirado, supported by P. Carnarvon.

Resolved to approve the agenda

Motion carried unanimously

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion by G. McLeod, supported by A. Tirado.

Resolved to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2023, meeting. With the following changes to approve the agenda with these corrections, correct Greg Genter name, take out Seasonal Property Management. Take out B. Hughes statement about the grant application.

Motion carried

5. **CITY UPDATE ON DISTRICT ISSUES**

G. Mcleod. Reeck road construction will began after Memorial Day. Rapid progress on Rosedale Blvd. Working on Paris Avenue water main. City hall will be closed Monday, May 29, 2023. Styrofoam recycling September 16-17

6. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Motion by A. Tirado, supported by G. McLeod

Discussion by P.Carnarvon approved within budget.

Resolved to accept the May 2023 financial report and approve expenses.

Motion carried.

7. **ATTORNEY'S REPORT** -T. Daniel was not present for the Attorneys report.

8. **Public Comments**

Steve Donahue there is more Facebook presence, seen a lot of posts. Main Street Approach-transformation, strategy of Downtown; vision is not there

Philipa Matakas Agreed with Steve Donahue about the Main street approach. What the city looks like in the DDA the likes and dislikes. Knows the departments are shorthanded. Help the city and don't complain, Put hanging baskets on Allen Rd.

Gary Schlack thanks the DDA for their efforts. Memorial Day Remembrance

9. **Sponsor Flock Cameras in memory of T. Strobl**

Approval of Flock Camera in memory of Mr. Tom Strobl.

Motion by P. Carnarvon, supported by F. Frank to sponsor Flock cameras.

Discussion P. Carnarvon says we are lacking Cameras, safety for Residents and business.

Officer Feltz and Chief Egan explained what Flock Cameras for in a meeting with P.

Carnarvon. To help expand reach of Police force. Technology has to fill the void.

Chief Egan if a pole is hit, we do have to pay \$500.00 for replacement. Egan assured the Board that it only tracks vehicle, it does not write tickets. Detectives work with this system every day.

B. Hughes had this conversation because it was so important to T. Strobl

Chief Egan would suggest were the cameras go. F. Frank believes that should all be located in the DDA area.

F. Frank saw a demo at DPS regarding Flock cameras

P. Carnarvon thinks we should defer to the Chief and trained Professionals

A. Tirado how does it track vehicles

Motion by A. Tirado, supported by G. McLeod to table discussion.

F. Frank opposed to this Motion

10. **Proposal to conduct 50/50 at Special Events.** Motion

by A. Tirado supported by G. Genter.

F. Frank and B. Hughes does not agree with the 50/50

Motion carried

11. **Chairperson's Report**

C. Riviera asked where the 3 million came from

G. McLeod stated those are ballpark numbers in order to submit the grant application on time. The application has these numbers on the grant. It showed projects in the Mill.

B. Hughes informed us of the Beautification Committee and the meeting he attended in May.

Stated that there are cleanups on Saturday a month. Restaurants are willing to donate to the cleanup personnel with a lunch

12. Executive Director's report

K. Mazag asked B. Hughes to attend beautification committee and how the DDA can help. Supplies are donated from Lowes. Our Facebook pages can spread the word to add more volunteers. '

13. Attorneys Report- Nothing to report because T. Daniels could not attend the meeting

14. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

- P. Carnarvon-speed is key
- F. Frank- City update by the Director for the day. Agreed with C. Riviera about the 3 million dollars. Also, mentioned we should add Directors Report back on the agenda
- G. Genter- Happy to be here.
- A. Alexander-Happy with the new Alleys especially behind his shop.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by P. Carnarvon supported by A. Tirado

Resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm.

Motion carried.