

**BATTLE CREEK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Monday October 22nd, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Sharkey, Commissioner Susan Baldwin, Paul Conkey, Rebecca Fleury, Edward Guzzo, Ross Simpson

ABSENT: Kim Carter, Tom Harris, Commissioner Kate Flores

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Morrison, John Hart, Ted Dearing and Sarah McGinnis

Call to order: Mr. Sharkey called the meeting to order at 3:32pm.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Mr. Conkey moved that the Battle Creek Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors approve the meeting minutes from July 23rd, 2018 as presented. Mr. Simpson supported the motion. Unanimously approved.

MOTION: Mr. Conkey moved that the Battle Creek Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors approve the meeting minutes from October 1st, 2018 as presented. Mr. Simpson supported the motion. Unanimously approved.

Review Interim Financial statements:

Ms. Morrison reviewed the preliminary year end financial statements through June 30, 2018. The State Aid Revenue (replacement for personal property tax) from the State of Michigan has been approved. The DDA was facing a deficit and will no longer require support from the general fund. Ms. Morrison also reviewed the interim financial statements through 9/30/18.

MOTION: Ms. Baldwin moved that the Battle Creek Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors approve the preliminary year end and interim financial statements as presented. Mr. Simpson supported the motion. Unanimously approved.

Project Report – Ted Dearing/John Hart:

Heritage Tower project is moving forward. Construction is on-going and on track. This will have 85 residential, restaurant locations and retail space. New Holland will be moving forward in a few weeks. The Record Box purchase has closed, more details coming soon. The Battle Rock project is completing an environmental assessment. Current Kitchen and Bar started at Festival Market Square and is moving to River's Edge location. A food service retail location is beginning that is rented during the day by Café Rica and a local chocolatier will be using the facility in the evenings. The cargo shops have done really well. They are closing soon for winter. There are some reserved parking spaces that are being moved and new signs have been requested.

Membership:

We are still looking for a few more members. Please make any recommendations to Robert Sharkey.

Member/Citizen Comments:

Clara's on the River will be closed November 19th - November 22nd for major kitchen renovations. They will be open again the day after Thanksgiving.

Adjourn: 4:20pm