

DDA Board of Directors

Monday, July 25, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.
MINUTES

Members Present: Cody Newman, Nelson Karre, Ross Simpson, Edward Guzzo, Paul Conkey

Absent: Kyra Wallace, John Godfrey, Kimberly Carter

Other Present: Ted Dearing, Linda Morrison, Jon Hart

Call to Order – 3:42pm

1. Approval of minutes from April 25, 2021 -

MOTION: Mr. Karre made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2022 meeting, seconded by Paul Conkey. Unanimously approved.

2. Financials -

MOTION: Approval of FY 23 budget as amended – Mr. Karre made a motion to approve the FY 23 budget as amended, seconded by Mr. Guzzo. Unanimously approved.

3. 2022 Plan Amendment

- a. Development Area Citizen Council Resolution (DACC) - Ted Dearing discussed comments from the DACC. Mr. Dearing noted many comments were in regards to the north end of Goguac Lake.
- b. Plan adoption – Mr. Dearing noted a few small changes had been made, the maps and impact plan would be added. Mr. Dearing discussed the Plan and the process to send it to City Commission. Mr. Simpson questioned who the DACC advises. Mr. Simpson noted the concerns from the DACC regarding the public beach and boat dock. Mr. Dearing discussed the concerns and stated the City of Battle Creek does not own land in that area. Mr. Guzzo clarified what the Board was approving. Mr. Dearing noted there will be a Public Hearing as well. The Board discussed the small changes to the plan and the timeline. Mr. Karre noted the timeline.

MOTION: Mr. Karre made a motion to have the City Administrations make the changes to the Plan and then call a Special Meeting of the DDA to approve a finalized plan, seconded by Edward Guzzo. Unanimously approved.

4. Project Updates

- a. Voces childcare facility – Mr. Dearing updated the Board.
- b. River Restoration – Mr. Dearing noted good news from the State of Michigan regarding funding. Mr. Dearing also discussed expanding to the north rather than disrupting Dickman Road.

5. Citizen (Public) Comments – Mr. Ken Ropp noted the importance of looking at the natural amenities and an environmental impact statement. Mr. Ropp mentioned the lack of trees. Mr. Ropp also stated the lake may be over saturated with boats at this time.

6. Board Member Comments - Mr. Simpson is happy about the river restoration. Mr. Karre mentioned a round-about at Capital SW, McCamly and Dickman. Mr. Newman noted the traffic in that same area. Mr. Simpson stated traffic near the lake was busy.

7. Adjourn – 4:41 pm

Next meeting: October 24, 2022 Airport Conference Rm.