



West Dearborn Downtown Development Authorities MINUTES

Board Meeting

September 18, 2024

Dearborn Administrative Center, Room 1D

16901 Michigan Ave, Dearborn, MI 48124

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Tahrik Alcodray, Vice-Chair Devon O’Reilly, Secretary-Treasurer Chris Small, Director Thomas Clark, Director Zaineب Hussein, Director Amanda Bright McClanahan, Director Karl Makky, and Director Moe Hider.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Abdullah Hammoud and Director Sam Abbas

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:

CITY OF DEARBORN: Mohammed Rezq (ED), Courtney Skora (Finance), Rebecca Schultz (Legal), Adel Al-Adlani (ED), Angela Fortino (ED), Deena Berri (ED), Amanda Sancen (ED) Laura Aceves-Sanchez (ED)

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER Tahrik Alcodray called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL A roll call for board members was called. A quorum was present.

3. APPROVAL OF WEST DDA SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Chair Tahrik Alcodray presented the meeting minutes on page 3 of the agenda. Amanda Bright-McClanahan made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 18, 2024 and was seconded by Chair Tahrik Alcodray. Motion passed unanimously. Motion approved.

4. RECEIVING & FILING OF TREASURER’S REPORT

Courtney Skora from the Finance Department presented the monthly financial statement for August 2024. Chair Tahrik Alcodray motioned to acknowledge the financial statement..

5. WEST DDDA ACTION ITEMS

a. Resolution WD 24-10-01: A resolution was introduced to extend the sponsorship of a Wellness Event held at Peace Park 1 by Coco Shack. The event would feature a free pilates class and additional vendors. Chair Tahrik Alcodray motioned to extend the \$1,000 sponsorship to Coco Shack until June 30th, 2025 and was seconded by Director Zaineب Hussein. The motion passed unanimously and was approved.

6. DISCUSSION

a. FY2026 Budget and CY2025 Events (Addendum 2 & 3) Staff provided an informational presentation and answered questions about the Downtown Development Plan and the Tax Increment Financing Plan, which included (but not limited to) an explanation of tax increment financing, budget timeline, fund balance, expenditures, budget priorities, and event prioritization. Director Zeinab Hussein suggested that Shop Dearborn and Jingle Bell Bash be eliminated to prioritize the funding and execution of a Winter Wonderland event series in Winter 2025.



7. DDDA ACTIVITY UPDATES

a. Business Liaison Updates & Data Reporting

Business Liaison Deena Berri provided updates regarding Good Burger's opening and Bayt Al Mocha's progress.

b. Events Update

Events and Outreach Manager Amanda Sancen provided a recap of the PEACE Park Grand Opening Event that was held on September 27 and the Dearborn Summer Market. She also provided updates about upcoming events like Trick-or-Treating, Wicked Windows, Coffee Week, and Jingle Bell Bash.

8. CALL TO BOARD

No comments made.

9. CALL TO AUDIENCE

No audience present.

10. CALL TO ADJOURNMENT

Chair Tahrik Alcodray motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m and was seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Chris Small.