



## **Warren Business District Improvement Authority**

### **Meeting Minutes**

D.A.C. - Council Chambers

April 23, 2024; 09:00 am EST

16901 Michigan Ave, Dearborn, MI 48126

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Ahmad Chebbani, Vice-Chair Abbas Ammar, Secretary-Treasurer Ali Alhashemi, Mayor Abdullah Hammoud, Director Lucius Anthony

MEMBERS ABSENT: Director Muaath Ghazali

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Angela Fortino (ED), Laura Aceves-Sanchez (ED), Mohamed Qasim (ED), Mohammed Rezaq (ED), Amanda Sancen (ED), Nolan Kukla (ED), Brad Mendelsohn (Legal), Courtney Skora (Finance)

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Secretary- Treasurer Ali Alhashemi called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was called and quorum was present.

#### **3. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, MARCH 6, 2024**

Mayor Abdullah Hammoud made a motion to approve the Meeting minutes of March 6th, 2024. He was seconded by Vice-Chair Abbas Ammar. Motion passed unanimously. Motion approved.

#### **4. REVIEW & FILING OF TREASURER'S REPORT**

Courtney Skora from the Finance Department presented the monthly financial statement. Mayor Hammoud spoke about some of the grants and funds secured for future projects. Mayor Hammoud motioned to receive and file the March 2024 financial statement. The motion passed unanimously. Motion approved.

#### **5. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. **CDPA Update on Warren Facade Improvement Project:** The CDPA team presented a guideline proposal on the framework that promotes aesthetic standards in the redevelopment of Warren Avenue. The project serves as a guide for the planning and pre-design phases of rehabilitating and renovating building facades, as well as maintaining existing structures, including those of historical and architectural significance. Board members presented questions, concerns and recommendations that were noted, questioned, and considered.



## **6. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT REPORT**

- a. Business Liaison Mohamed Qasim provided updates about ongoing business visits, new businesses in the district, updates regarding the next in-district mix & mingle event. He also provided updates about Dearborn Restaurant Week, as well as plans to conduct tours and pop into businesses with the Mayor and city directors.
- b. Program Manager Laura Aceves-Sanchez provided updates about the Warren Avenue Grant and the Warren Facade Improvement Program.
- c. Deputy Director Angela Fortino provided updates about the Master Land Use Plan including Commercial District Vision Plan and Commercial District Parking Study. She also provided updates regarding Mohammed Reza's new role as Program Manager, his new role, and involvement within the Authority.

## **7. CALL TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

None at this time

## **8. CALL TO AUDIENCE (3 minutes/guest)**

None at this time

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mayor Abdullah Hammoud and was seconded by Vice-Chair Ammar. A voice vote was passed unanimously. Motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned.