



Dix-Vernor Business District Improvement Authority

Board Meeting Minutes

D.A.C. - Room 1D

March 27, 2024; 3:00 pm EST

16901 Michigan Ave, Dearborn, MI 48126

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Janet Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer Brigitte Fawaz-Anouti, Mayor Hammoud, Director Ronald Berry, Director Mohammed Abdullah.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vice- Chair Anthony Rugiero, Director Mahdi Ali, , Director Lucius Anthony, Director Imad Asofuy.

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: N/A

CITY OF DEARBORN: Angela Fortino (ED) Laura Aceves-Sanchez (ED), Saeid Alawathi (ED), Mohammed Rezaq (ED), Rebecca Schultz (Legal), Courtney Skora (Finance), De’Janae Douglas (ED), Zaineb Hussein (Chief of Staff). Amanda Sancen (ED).

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

A roll call of Board members was called. A quorum was present.

3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR DVBDIA JANUARY 24, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Chair Janet Thompson presented the meeting minutes on pages 3-5 of the agenda. Mayor Abdullah Hammoud made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 24, 2024. He was seconded by Director Ronald Berry. Motion passed unanimously. Motion approved.

4. TREASURER’S REPORT

Courtney Skora from the Finance Department presented the monthly financial statement. There were no questions. Chair Janet Thompson motioned to receive and file the February 2024 financial statement. The motion passed unanimously. Motion approved.

5. ACTION ITEMS

- a. A resolution was introduced for the approval of the Proposed Budget for FYE 2025. The Dix-Vernor Business District Improvement Authority (DVBDIA) is required by Public Act 57 to prepare and submit an operating budget for the DVBDIA to approve each year and submit it to the City Council. The DVBDIA reviewed a three-year proposed budget for FYE 2025-27 budget as submitted by the Finance Department and recommended submitting it to the City Council for approval.



A motion was made for this resolution by Secretary-Treasurer Brigitte Fawaz-Anouti and seconded by Director Ronald Berry. A voice vote passed unanimously. Motion approved.

- b. A resolution was introduced for the allocation of funds towards the Shade Plaza DTE payment. The DVBDIA recently completed construction of the Dix-Vernor Shade Plaza, including the clock tower. DTE will charge for the electric use of the clock tower on a yearly basis. The DVBDIA Board authorizes an allocation of \$200 for the payment of the DTE connection towards the clock tower from account Contractual Services to Utilities. This allocation is only for the current Fiscal Year that ends on June 30th, 2024.

A motion was made for this resolution by Mayor Abdullah Hammoud and seconded by Secretary- Treasurer Brigitte Fawaz-Anouti . A voice vote passed unanimously. Motion approved.

6. DVBDIA ACTIVITY UPDATES

- a. Business District Liaison Update:
Business Liaison Saeid Alawathi provided updates about the Legal Fair that took place on Feb 10, 2024 in partnership with the American Moslem Society. The Fair aimed to provide resources for the residents and serve as promotional opportunities for businesses in the district. Furthermore, Saeid provided an update about the planned Business Mix & Mingle in the District. The event is currently scheduled for June 18, 2024 from 2-4 pm. at Roman Village. Additionally Saeid provided an update about businesses participation in the Dearborn Restaurant Week (DRW) that is scheduled for April 19-28, 2024. DRW is a vibrant celebration of the city's rich food scene, which will provide an ideal platform for restaurants to engage with both current patrons and newcomers alike. DRW is committed to highlighting and showcase the diverse culinary adventures that Dearborn proudly offers.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. May 4th Dix-Vernor Clean up co-sponsored with ACCESS.

Special event and outreach Manager Amanda Sancen talked about Planned clean up which will take place at the corridor on Saturday, May 4th 2024. in partnership with ACCESS .This is a spring clean up event to clean and help beautify the corridors.

- b. Dearborn Housing Survey

Deputy Director Angela Fortino shared with the board information about the Housing Survey that is available for all city residents. The survey will be available in both English and Arabic and it is an opportunity for City's residents to share their insight, opinions, and preferences on housing needs.

- c. Master Land Use Plan Survey

Deputy Director Angela Fortino provided an update on the Master Land Use Plan. This update is the first one undertaken in about ten years and it is intended to update all aspects of the City's Development Plan.



8. CALL TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mayor Abdullah Hammoud updated the PEACE Park 3.0. He noted that the contract is now conducting the underground work and the major construction should start in the summer. Mayor Hamoud also noted that Laper Park Pool will be closed during the summer for reconstruction.

9. CALL TO AUDIENCE

None at this time

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mayor Abdullah Hammoud and was seconded by Director Ronald Berry. A voice vote was passed unanimously. Motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned.