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CITY OF DEARBORN | ABDULLAH H. HAMMOUD, MAYOR

**West Dearborn Downtown Development Authorities MINUTES**

**Board Meeting  
January 22, 2025**

**Dearborn Administrative Center, Council Chambers  
16901 Michigan Ave, Dearborn, MI 48124**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Tahrik Alcodray, Vice-Chair Devon O’Reilly, Secretary-Treasurer Chris Small, Director Thomas Clark, Mayor Abdullah Hammoud, Director Zaineb Hussein, Director Amanda Bright McClanahan, Director Moe Hider, and Director Karl Makky

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Director Sam Abbas

**NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:** CITY OF DEARBORN: Courtney Skora (Finance), Bradley Mendelsohn (Legal), Angela Fortino (ED), Deena Berri (ED), Amanda Sancen (ED), Laura Aceves-Sanchez (ED)

**AGENDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** Chair Tahrik Alcodray called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

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

**3. APPROVAL OF WEST DDA NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

Chair Tahrik Alcodray presented the meeting minutes on page 2 of the agenda. He made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 18, 2024 and was seconded by Chris Small. The motion passed unanimously. Motion approved.

**4. REVIEW & FILING OF TREASURER’S REPORT**

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

**5. JOINT ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Resolution WD 25-01-01:** A resolution was introduced to reelect and/or elect the officers of the WDDA, which consists of a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary-Treasurer.

Tahrik Alcodray was nominated for the position of WDDDA Chair; Director Zainab Hussein motioned to approve the nomination and Secretary-Treasurer Chris Small seconded the motion.

Devon O’Reilly was nominated for the position of Vice Chair; Secretary-Treasurer Chris Small motioned to approve the nomination and Director Moe Hider seconded the motion.

Chris Small was nominated for the position of Secretary-Treasurer; Director Zainab Hussein motioned to approve the nomination and Chair Tahrik Alcodray seconded the motion.

**6. DDA ACTIVITY UPDATES**



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- a. **Business Liaison Updates & Data Reporting:** Business Liaison Deena Berri provided updates about the two new businesses that opened called Karam Brunch House and Everest Momo. She also shared new vacancies in the district such as Lue Thai and Don Yeyo Cigar Factory.
- b. **Events Update:** Events and Outreach Manager Amanda Sancen provided updates about marketing and social media efforts that have been implemented to advertise businesses in the DDA. Bolt Cyber Solutions was hired to create business highlights and help develop a documentary of Dearborn's coffee scene.

## **7. CALL TO BOARD**

Secretary-Treasurer Chris Small inquired about the Farhat Sweets development and shared concerns about businesses threatening to leave because of parking issues. Laura Aceves-Sanchez shared that the parking study findings can be found on the City's website.

## **8. CALL TO AUDIENCE**

No audience members were present.

## **9. CALL TO ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Tahrik Alcodray motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 a.m and was seconded by Director Moe Hider.