



## **West Dearborn Downtown Development Authority**

West DDA Board Meeting  
May 20, 2026, 2026; 11:00 AM

Dearborn Administrative Center, Room 1D  
16901 Michigan Ave, Dearborn MI 48126

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Tahrik Alcodray, Vice Chair Tom Clark, Secretary Treasurer Sam Abbas, Director Christopher Williams, Director Zaineb Hussein, Director Karl Makky, Mayor Abdullah Hammoud, Director Hussein Nasser

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:** CITY OF DEARBORN: Laura Aceves-Sanchez (ED), Lara Rayshouny (ED), Deena Berri (ED), Amanda Atwy (Legal), Amanda Sancen (ED), Courtney Skora (Finance)

**GUESTS:** None

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tahrik Alcodray at 11:05 AM.

### **2. ROLL CALL**

A roll call was conducted by Chair Tahrik Alcodray. A quorum was present.

### **3. APPROVAL OF WDDDA MINUTES**

A motion to approve the West DDDA meeting minutes of April 15, 2026 was made by Mayor Abdullah Hammoud and seconded by Chair Tahrik Alcodray. The motion passed unanimously. Minutes approved.

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

Courtney Skora reviewed the financial statement dated April 30, 2026.

### **5. WDDDA ACTION ITEMS**

- a. **Resolution WD 26-05-01: Reallocation of Funds for West Downtown Activities:** The WDDDA approved the reallocation of funds to align financial resources with upcoming seasonal activities and district goals. Specifically, a total of \$60,905.00 was reallocated to Streetscape Enhancements (moving \$2,933.00 from Ramadan Lighting/Holiday Decor, \$25,000.00 from Building & Business



Incentives, and \$32,972.00 from Snow Removal); \$1,500.00 was reallocated from Restaurant Week to General Marketing; and \$9,331.00 was reallocated from Ramadan Nights to Summer Festivities to ensure the continuity of streetscape improvements and properly resource upcoming marketing and community events. The motion was made by Chair Tahrik Alcodray and seconded by Vice Chair Tom Clark. A voice vote passed unanimously. Motion approved.

- b. **Resolution WD 26-05-02: Adoption of 2027 Board Calendar:** The WDDDA approved the 2027 calendar of meeting days and times as presented by the Economic Development Department staff. This calendar ensures that the Board of Directors can meet on a regular basis while providing a schedule that will be publicly noticed in compliance with open meeting standards. The motion was made by Chair Tahrik Alcodray and seconded by Vice Chair Tom Clark. A voice vote passed unanimously. Motion approved.
- c. **Resolution WD 26-05-03: Purchase of Replacement Lids and Liners:** The WDDDA approved the expenditure of \$6,900.00 from the Streetscape Enhancements account to purchase ten (10) sets of replacement lids and liners for the district's trash cans. This purchase addresses damaged lids or missing liners in the West Dearborn Downtown area to maintain local aesthetic and functional standards. The motion was made by Chair Tahrik Alcodray and seconded by Secretary Treasurer Sam Abbas. A voice vote passed unanimously. Motion approved.
- d. **Resolution WD 26-05-04: Landscaping and Streetscape Enhancements in West Downtown:** The WDDDA approved an expenditure not to exceed \$90,000.00 (allocating \$43,760.00 from Planting Materials and \$46,240.00 from Streetscape Enhancements) for a comprehensive landscaping project with Parrott Landscaping to upgrade the West Downtown streetscape. The approved budget covers five project components: an "S-wave" perennial planting design across 14 mulch beds (\$43,900.50), the installation of 243 Hicks Yew shrubs at Garrison Lots, initial June watering services (\$11,050.00), and a system-wide irrigation audit (\$975.00 maximum). The final component, a \$12,616.00 allocation for 12 Skyline Honeylocust street trees (7 replacements and 5 new installations), remains pending a contractor quote revision, as the Board requested larger, more mature trees with a starting height greater than 5 feet. The motion was made by Secretary Treasurer Sam Abbas and seconded by Mayor Abdullah Hammoud. A voice vote passed unanimously. Motion approved.

## 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) **Pocket Park Updates:** Program Manager Lara Rayshouny provided a timeline update on the Pocket Park project, noting that the contractor has successfully completed the layout and brought in stone to establish the grade. Concrete pouring operations began on May 20, 2026. The project will progress through a two-phase pavement pour and final saw-cutting over the coming weeks, moving toward a final site completion target of June 1, 2026, which will include the installation of amenities, final electrical work, and overall site clean-up.
- b) **Parking Enforcement in West Downtown:** Program Manager Lara Rayshouny provided an update on parking enforcement in West Downtown, which officially commenced on Sunday, May 3, 2026. Ordinance officer schedules have been adjusted to maximize



coverage, deploying dedicated officers Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and one officer Thursday through Sunday from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM. The rollout is progressing smoothly, with ordinance units actively ticketing and prioritizing enforcement zones based on the district's recommended target map.

- c) **Alleys for Repair:** Program Manager, Lara Rayshouny, provided an update on the scheduled alleyway and pavement repairs for West Downtown for 2026. She shared that the city’s primary goal for the year is to address deteriorating infrastructure by redoing several key alleyways that have been identified as high-priority through recent inspections. Furthermore, she added that the scope of work will include necessary repairs to adjacent sidewalks and aprons to ensure safe, accessible, and functional thoroughfares behind local downtown businesses.

**7. DDDA ACTIVITY UPDATES**

- a. **Business Liaison Updates & Data Reporting:** Business Liaison, Deena Berri, provided updates about new upcoming businesses in the downtown area such as three new shawarma spots. Modern Greek took the place of Blue Fish and is planning to turn their previous location into a different food business. In addition, Karam Brunch House has closed and a new brunch house/operator will take its place.
- b. **Events Update:** The Special Events and Outreach Manager, Amanda Sancen, provided updates on the Dearborn Summer Market and wellness in the park.

**8. CITY UPDATES**

Mayor Abdullah Hammoud announced that the Bryant Library contract was finalized with City Council approval to commence outdoor construction on the Bryant Library Garden beginning this June. This outdoor initiative is part of the larger, comprehensive renovation spanning both the Bryant and Esper libraries. The Mayor will serve as the featured speaker next week to unveil the project renderings, with the full library transformations slated for completion by Spring 2027.

**9. CALL TO BOARD**

None.

**10. CALL TO AUDIENCE**

None.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 12:03 PM by Mayor Abdullah Hammoud and seconded by Chair Tahrik Alcodray. A voice vote was passed unanimously. Motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned.