

**MEETING MINUTES: REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 22, 2016**

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**Location: SDDA Offices, 18000 W. Nine Mile Road, Suite 320, Southfield, MI 48075**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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Chairman James Ralph, Jr. called the meeting to order at 8:10 AM.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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**Present:** James Ralph, Jr., Daveda Colbert (arrived 8:14), David Farbman, Robert Leger, Fred Najor, Steven Reif (arrived 8:12), Arik Rusk, Shawn Stafford, Sierra Tyus (arrived 9:07), and Michael Wiemann.

**Excused:** Mayor Kenson J. Siver; Beverly F. Berry

**Also Present:** Al Aceves, Executive Director; Anita Preston, Assistant to the Executive Director; Leigh Schultz, Southfield Civic Engineer (8:40 – 9:06)

**Roll Call was taken and it was determined a quorum was present.**

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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**Motion by Wiemann, Seconded by Farbman,** to approve the revised Meeting Agenda as presented.

Motion carries, unanimously.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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**Regular Meeting and Closed Session Minutes: November 6, 2015**

**Motion by Wiemann, Seconded by Stafford,** to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and closed Session of the Southfield DDA Board held November 6, 2015.

Motion carries, unanimously.

**5. FINANCIAL REPORT: October, November, December, 2015**

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Treasurer Steve Reif reviewed the monthly financial reports.

**Motion by Farbman, Seconded by Colbert,** to accept and file the October, November and December, 2015 Financial Reports.

Motion carries, unanimously.

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

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**a. Introduction of new City of Southfield Mayor Kenson J. Siver**

Deferred, Mayor not in attendance.

**b. Introduction of New Board of Directors Member, Arik Rusk**

Chairman Ralph introduced the new Member of the Board of Directors, and asked board members to introduce themselves. Mr. Rusk provided an overview of his professional background and current work within the City of Southfield.

**c. Confidential Client Site Tour**

Executive Director Aceves provided an update on a recent confidential site tour of three potential office sites which took place in December.

**d. Northland Drive Reconstruction Overview by Leigh Schultz**

City of Southfield Civil Engineer Leigh Schultz gave an overview of the proposed reconstruction of Northland Drive to be completed in 2016, including City Council approval on January 19, 2016 for the 3-lane cross-section layout.

**e. 2016 DDA Board Meeting Schedule**

**Motion by Colbert, Seconded by Reif,** to approve the revised 2016 Board of Directors meeting schedule.  
Motion carries, unanimously.

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- f. **Mackinac Policy Conference**  
**Motion by Stafford, Seconded by Farbman**, to approve attendance by Chairman Ralph and Executive Director Aceves to attend the 2016 Mackinac Policy Conference on Mackinac Island, MI May 31-June, 2016.  
**Motion carries, unanimously.**
- g. **International Council of Shopping Centers Conference**  
**Motion by Reif, Seconded by Stafford**, to approve attendance by Executive Director Aceves to attend the International Council of Shopping Centers RECON in Las Vegas, NV May 22-25, 2016.  
**Motion carries, unanimously.**
- h. **Recommendation to Engage Dickinson Wright**  
Executive Director Aceves recommended engagement of Dickinson Wright—specifically attorney Roger Swets—to assist DDA with financing.  
*Motion suspended; Roger Swets to present at March 18 Board meeting.*

**7. OLD BUSINESS:**

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- a. **Northland Update**  
b. **Michigan Inn Update**

Executive Director Aceves provided an update on two Old Business items.

**9. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS**

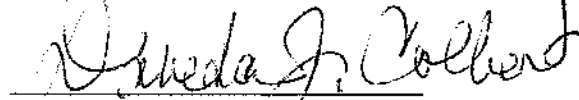
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Board Member Leger stated that HAP is currently using additional parking spaces and expects to use more to accommodate an additional 100 workers coming to the building in April. At that time HAP will also fill an additional three floors of the HAP/Tower 14 building.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

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Chairman Ralph announced there being no further business adjourned the meeting at 9:32 am.



Daveda Colbert, Board Secretary