

MEETING MINUTES: Regular Board Meeting of NOVEMBER 8, 2013

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Present: James Ralph, Jr., Beverly F. Berry, Orletta Caldwell, Daveda Colbert, Nadine Cook, Robert Leger, Fred Najor, Brent Reetz, and Steven Reif.

Excused: Daniel Babb, Mayor Lawrence, Sierra Tyus and Muriel Zweigel.

Also Present: Al Aceves, Executive Director; Jackie Schatz, Assistant to the Executive Director, Mark McInerney-Clark Hill PLC, Karen Burton- SDDA Resident, Barbara Talley- SDDA Resident, University Michigan: Chip Koziara, Douglas Allen, Pei Liu, and MEDC: Peter Allen and Joe Meyers, Bill Bullard Jr.- Strategic Public Affairs, Ivy Shelton-Attorney, Deborah Johnson- CareForward, and Sally Hodges- McKenna Associates.

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Motion by Caldwell, Seconded by Najor, to approve the Meeting Agenda as presented.
Motion carries, unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Regular Meeting Minutes: September 27, 2013.

Motion by Reetz, Seconded by Najor, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Southfield DDA Board held September 27, 2013.
Motion carries, unanimously.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT: SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2013.

Treasurer Brent Reetz reviewed the financial reports.

Motion by Reif, Seconded by Berry, to accept and file the September 2013 and October 2013 Financial Reports.
Motion carries, unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Introduction of new SDDA Board Member: Mr. Robert Leger.

Mr. Leger was introduced and welcomed to the SDDA Board. Mr. Leger is Director of Facilities for the Health Alliance Plan, (HAP), a business located within the SDDA District.

b. Business Profile: Ms. Deborah Johnson, Business Owner- CareForward.

Ms. Johnson, Business Owner, provided an overview of CareForward with offices located in the Southfield Centre/IBM Building. CareForward is a medical support business that specializes in case management for patients with catastrophic injuries, providing assistance to the patient and family.

c. University of Michigan presentation: North Park Plaza Building.

The University of Michigan Real Estate Business School Group, along with Mr. Peter Allen, Adjunct Professor reviewed their findings concerning redevelopment and potential re-use for the site. A brief question and answer session followed. No action was taken.

Chairman Ralph announced there would be a brief recess of the meeting.
Following a five minute recess, Chairman Ralph called the meeting to order.

d. Tax Increment Finance Legislation: Strategic Public Affairs.

Bill Bullard Jr. of Strategic Public Affairs updated the board on current legislative initiatives that would affect Tax Increment Financing in Lansing. Strategic Public Affairs has been retained by the Michigan Downtown Association to represent our member organization.

e. Contract Amendment with McKenna and Associates.

Motion by Reetz, Seconded by Colbert, to approve the contract amendment reducing the monthly retainer for planning services.

Motion carries, unanimously.

f. SDDA 2014 Meeting Schedule.

Motion by Caldwell, Seconded by Reetz, to approve the 2014 SDDA Meeting Schedule.

Motion carries, unanimously.

Executive Director Aceves commented that when possible meetings will be held at various locations within the SDDA District in 2014.

g. Appointment of SDDA Nominating Committee.

Motion by Reetz, Seconded by Caldwell, to approve the appointments of the nominating committee.

Motion carries, unanimously.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Update on Freedom of Information request: Ramada Property.

Attorney Mark McInerney updated the Board on staff's response to the FOIA.

b. Northland Updates: Brent Reetz, Manager provided an update on current activities at Northland.

c. Oakland County Medical Inno-Vention Conference: November 6 – 8, 2013.

Executive Director reported on the upcoming conference and the SDDA's participation.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

None.

9. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS.

Karen Burton, SDDA Resident, provided positive comments about the walkable area in the district with the recent improvements along Nine Mile Road.

Ivy Shelton, Attorney, addressed the Board about his concept for re-development of the North Park Plaza site.

Board Members provided comments on various topics.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Reetz, Seconded by Caldwell, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carries, unanimously.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:07 A.M.


Orletta Caldwell, Board Secretary