

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

“Regular Meeting”

Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 10:30 am

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on **Wednesday, July 12, 2023.**
4. Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report and file for audit.
5. Motion to approve the current bills in the amount of \$79,806.15
6. Old Business:
 - A. Retail Strategies did Tour of City and met with input Stakeholders.
 - B. Met with possible lease attendants at 37133 and 37135 Goddard Road.
 - C. Other
7. New Business:
 - A. Begonia Brother Skeleton (3 year) lease program
 - B. Other
8. Directors Report
 - Attended the leadership round table discussion at the General Motors plant
 - Sounds in Downtown and 80s in the alley was a huge success
 - Met with Laura Sigmon about future of the (NEST) New Entrepreneur Success Training
 - Met with Hussein owner of Downtown buildings about potential business owners
 - Attended the Bike night and Rumble in Romulus
 - Preparing for Pumpkin Fest
 - Attended the brunch held at the Senior Center
9. For Your Information- Working on getting (HVAC) Heating, Ventilation, and Air Condition installed at 37133, 37135, and 35255 Goddard Road.
10. Other and Public Comments
11. Adjournment

Meeting

1. The Meeting of the Downtown Development Authority was called to order by Chairperson, Keith Johnston at 10:31 a.m.
 - Present: Brian Bush, Craig Greca, Steven Harmon, Mayor Robert McCraight, and Stacy Paige. Also present, Director Jerry Frayer and Recording Secretary Chandler Bradley.

Absent: Danielle Gibson, Arianna LeSure, Randy Moffat
Excused: Danielle Gibson, Arianna LeSure, Randy Moffat

23-DDA-1210

2. Motion by Mayor McCraight, supported Bush to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

23-DDA-1211

3. Motion by Bush supported by Harmon to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, July 12, 2023. Motion carried.

23-DDA-1212

4. Motion by Mayor McCraight, supported by Harmon, to approve the Treasurer's Report in the amount of \$726,113.00 and file for audit. Motion carried.

23-DDA-1213

5. Motion by Harmon, supported by Mayor McCraight, to approve the current bills in the amount of \$79,806.15

6. Retail Strategies did Tour of City and met with input Stakeholders

- Successful meeting with stakeholders at the Romulus Athletic Center- working with business to City

- 6B. Met with possible lease attendants at 37133 and 37135 Goddard Road.

- Barrel/wood working shop and pizza shop

Met with Hassan about cigar business and screen printing place (both were in the Romulus New Entrepreneur Success Training)

Kevin Krause- Small businesses going through the NEST – help pipeline them to brick and mortar

Stacy Paige- Would like to have a flyer with businesses available in DDA to help advertising

6C. Other

Stacy Paige- trees at the Learning Center downtown are overgrown

7. Begonia Brother Skeleton (3 year) lease program

- Mayor looking for new ideas instead of the scarecrows downtown. Had the idea of skeletons from Northville DDA
- 3 year lease program Season- season 1- \$6,900, season 2- \$2,400, season 3 \$2,400

Stacy Paige- Skeletons might cause concern for residents

Brian Bush- Cost concern for the small businesses owners downtown

8. Director Jerry Frayer updated the board on the follow items:

- Attended the leadership round table discussion at the General Motors plant
- Sounds in Downtown and 80s in the alley was a huge success
- Met with Laura Sigmon about future of the (NEST) New Entrepreneur Success Training- year 1 complete

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Mayor McCraight, Stacy Paige, Economic Development Kevin Krause- Sounds in Downtown good feedback from attendees. Sponsors are interested for next year.

- Starting Saturday- Little League world series host
 - Jerry Frayer working with chamber to help prepare restaurants of the influx of people
- Kevin Krause- pushed B2B advertising our to surrounding cities

9. FYI- Working on getting (HVAC) Heating, Ventilation, and Air Condition installed at 37133, 37135, and 35255 Goddard Road. Work with DPW to connect waterline.

10. Other and Public Comment-
Rita Denard-

- Rebranding of downtown
- Agrees with Stacy about skeletons to replace the scarecrows downtown- concern for residents
- Enjoyed Sounds in Downtown, 80's in the Alley
- Not getting anything from the NEST training
- Was looking at buildings downtown to starts her business. She has a yarn and potato businesses.

23-DDA-1214

11. Motion Paige supported by Bush to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 a.m. Motion carried.

Brian Bush, Secretary
To be approved September 13, 2023