



Charter Township of Meridian
Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
Central Fire Station, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Monday, April 7, 2025 – Minutes

Members

Present: Angela Wright, Don Romain, Bill Cawood, Renee Korrey, and Tom Stanko

Members

Absent: Supervisor Hendrickson, Ron Sdao, and Peter Campbell

Staff

Present: Neighborhoods & Economic Development Director Amber Clark, Township Manager Tim Dempsey, and Executive Assistant Michelle Prinz

Others

Present: None

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Romain called the meeting to order and read the mission statement at 7:30 am.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION BY MEMBER KORREY TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER STANKO. MOTION APPROVED 5-0.

3. APPROVAL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2025

MOTION BY MEMBER KORREY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER CAWOOD. MOTION APPROVED 5-0.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Monthly Financial Report

Director Clark shared that, due to staff transition, the February finance statement was not available this month and will be presented next month.

7. AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENTS

A. Consumers Energy Bill April 2025

MOTION BY MEMBER WRIGHT TO APPROVE THE APRIL PAYMENT OF \$119.04 TO CONSUMERS ENERGY. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER KORREY. MOTION APPROVED 5-0.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Property Condition Discussion

Director Clark announced there was an internal team meeting to discuss everything that is known and unknown regarding the 4.5 acres of Downtown Okemos. This includes possible obstacles with the Road Department adding a left turn lane. She will be compiling a report with all the information. There was discussion about conducting community outreach to discuss interests for Downtown Okemos. The old hydroponics building has had façade improvements. There are new owners of the building at 2128 Hamilton.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Vistaluxe Realty LLC Match on Main Application Request

Director Clark shared the application request received for the MEDC Program that requires the DDA to provide a 10%, \$2,500 match, for the \$25,000 reimbursement grant. The new owners of 2128 Hamilton Road, and associated addresses at the northeast corner of Hamilton and Okemos Road, submitted the application for removal and replacement of storefront window systems including three doors with hardware. The applicant was present and expressed his desire to update the property. DDA members felt the project would be a nice improvement.

MOTION BY MEMBER KORREY TO MOVE TO ACCEPT VISTALUXE REALTY LLC'S MATCH ON MAIN APPLICATION AS THE MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP MATCH ON MAIN CANDIDATE FOR THE 2025 SELECTION ROUND. APPROVE DISTRIBUTION OF 10% OF THE REQUIRED MATCHING FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE REHABILITATION. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER WRIGHT. MOTION APPROVED 5-0.

10. OPEN DISCUSSION/BOARD COMMENTS

Discussion about public/private partnerships and the needs for additional parking in the area as development occurs. The Township will be discussing the idea of changing parking requirements at an upcoming Board meeting.

11. PUBLIC REMARKS

Township Manager Tim Dempsey expressed his experience working successfully with public/private partnerships in the City of East Lansing. Happy to be here and work together. Director Clark mentioned that Art Unlimited will be moving to another location in the Township.

12. NEXT MEETING DATE

a. May 5, 2025, 7:30am-Township Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 am without objection.

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