



Charter Township of Meridian
Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
Central Fire Station, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Monday, June 2, 2025 – Minutes

Members

Present: Angela Wright, Don Romain, Renee Korrey, Supervisor Hendrickson, Ron Sdao, Peter Campbell, Srinivas Kandula, and Tom Stanko

Members

Absent: Bill Cawood

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.
Welcomed new member Srinivas Kandula to the DDA.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION BY MEMBER KORREY TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER CAMPBELL.
MOTION APPROVED 8-0.**

3. APPROVAL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2025

**MOTION BY MEMBER KORREY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER STANKO.
MOTION APPROVED 8-0.**

4. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Monthly Financial Report

Director Clark reviewed the month end bank statements from Independent Bank for February and March. At the end of March, there is a balance of \$70,669.15 in the DDA General Fund and \$137,917.73 in the DDA month-to-month CD account.

7. AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENTS

A. Consumers Energy Bills May and June 2025

MOTION BY MEMBER KORREY TO APPROVE THE MAY PAYMENT OF \$118.31 AND THE JUNE PAYMENT OF \$103.80 TO CONSUMERS ENERGY. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER CAMPBELL. MOTION APPROVED 8-0.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Property Discussion

Member Korrey stated the homes at 2149 Clinton and 4633 Okemos Road need attention. There seems to be access to the basement, mold, and animals at the home on Clinton and high grass at both homes. Director Clark encouraged the neighboring property owners contact code enforcement regarding their concerns.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Annual Training-MEDC Updates and Development Incentives

Director Clark shared the requirement for annual training for all Township Development Boards as it relates to the Township's Redevelopment Ready Community Certification through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). This year she is requesting all members view the MEDC Field Guide and Investment Training-Intro into Community Investing (Module 1). The DDA will review and discuss the learnings from the module at the next DDA meeting in July.

B. Village of Okemos Task Force & Site History

Director Clark presented the opportunity to create a task force to discuss what is known and unknown on the vacant 4.5 acres of Downtown property. There was discussion about the need of a separate task force versus handling the discussions at the DDA. It was decided that it would be beneficial to have dedicated time to discuss the project outside of the regular DDA meetings. Supervisor Hendrickson suggested a member of the Township Board, Planning Commission and Environmental Commission be included in the task force. The discussion of who will serve on the task force will happen at the next DDA meeting in July.

MOTION BY MEMBER KORREY TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF THE WEST HAMILTON AND OKEMOS REDEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE AND SUNSET THE TASK FORCE IN JUNE 2026. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER ROMAIN. MOTION APPROVED 8-0.

10. OPEN DISCUSSION/BOARD COMMENTS

Chair Romain announced he will be stepping down from the DDA. He has had an employment change and thanks all for everything. As a result, discussion of a new Chair will take place at the next meeting in July.

11. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

12. NEXT MEETING DATE

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38am without objection.

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