



AGENDA
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
West Hamilton and Okemos Subcommittee
May 4, 2026 7:30AM
5000 Okemos Road, Okemos, MI
Central Fire Station- Community Room



1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. MISSION: The Meridian Township DDA mission is to beautify and revitalize downtown Okemos as a very desirable place to shop, live, and do business. It is a commitment to promoting and improved quality of life by creating a friendly, walkable community embracing the natural aesthetics of the river and parks.
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. PUBLIC REMARKS
7. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. West Hamilton and Okemos Road – Site Formerly Known as “Village of Okemos”
8. OPEN DISCUSSION/BOARD COMMENTS
9. PUBLIC REMARKS
10. NEXT MEETING DATE
 - A. Tentative October 5, 2026 7:30am – Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos
11. ADJOURNMENT

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Meridian Township Board by contacting: Township Manager Timothy Dempsey, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 or 517.853.4258 - Ten Day Notice is Required. Meeting Location: 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 Township Hall

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Charter Township of Meridian
Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Monday, April 6, 2026 – Minutes

Members

Present: Lexi Denovich, Srinivas Kandula, Angela Wright, Tom Stanko, Bill Cawood, and Ron Sdao

Members

Absent: Supervisor Hendrickson Renee Korrey, and Peter Campbell

Staff

Present: Neighborhoods & Economic Development Director Amber Clark, Principal Planner Brian Shorkey, and Executive Assistant Michelle Prinz

Others

Present: None

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Wright called the meeting to order and read the mission at 7:33 am.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION BY MEMBER STANKO TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER CAWOOD. MOTION APPROVED 6-0.

3. APPROVAL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 2026

MOTION BY CHAIR WRIGHT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER SDAO. MOTION APPROVED 6-0.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

6. AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENTS

a. Consumers Energy Bill April 2026

MOTION BY MEMBER CAWOOD TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSUMERS ENERGY APRIL PAYMENT OF \$117.22. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER KANDULA. MOTION APPROVED 6-0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. West Hamilton and Okemos Subcommittee Next Meeting

Director Clark mentioned setting a meeting date to discuss next steps since the BUILD grant has been submitted. There is also a Consumers Energy Gas Project to discuss. The DDA decided that the monthly May meeting would be a meeting of the subcommittee at the Central Fire Station.

MOTION BY CHAIR WRIGHT TO SET THE NEXT WEST HAMILTON AND OKEMOS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING FOR MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026, AT 7:30AM AT THE CENTRAL FIRE STATION. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER SDAO. MOTION APPROVED 6-0.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Parking Maximums

Principal Planner Brian Shorkey stated that he met with the Corridor Improvement Authority last month to discuss the parking ordinance updates the Planning Commission has been working on. The CIA expressed concern that the proposed 20% maximum coverage for non-residential parking may present a barrier to future commercial development. The DDA discussion suggested eliminating the cap would allow for greater flexibility for developers and that environmental concerns are dictated by other regulatory agencies. The Planning Commission has not made a recommendation on this item to the Township Board yet and will discuss it again at their next meeting on Monday.

b. Authorization of Payment HRC BUILD Grant Invoice

Director Clark shared the final invoice for Hubbell Roth and Clark's work on the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant application. The total cost from the DDA has not exceeded \$50,000.

MOTION BY CHAIR WRIGHT TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO HUBBELL ROTH AND CLARK INVOICE #0235814 FOR SERVICES CONDUCTED RELATED TO THE FY 2026 BUILD GRANT. AUTHORIZE STAFF TO REMIT PAYMENT TO HUBBELL ROTH AND CLARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,258.19. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER STANKO. MOTION APPROVED 6-0.

9. OPEN DISCUSSION/BOARD COMMENTS

a. 4690-4696 Okemos Road MI Neighborhood Application

Director Clark reported that the MI Neighborhood Program CDBG Application public hearing was held at the March 17, 2026 Township Board meeting. Current work is being done to prepare to submit the grant to MSHDA around the end of May. Additional public hearings will be a part of the process, and three of the seven residential units will have income requirements. The item is on tomorrow's Township Board agenda for action.

10. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE

a. West Hamilton and Okemos Subcommittee-May 4, 2026, 7:30am-Central Fire Station, Community Room, 5000 Okemos Road.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18am without objection.

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To: Downtown Development Authority Members
From: Neighborhoods & Economic Development Director Amber Clark
Date: May 4, 2026
Re: West Hamilton and Okemos Subcommittee Meeting Overview

On September 9, 2025 the West Hamilton and Okemos Subcommittee held their first meeting regarding the site commonly referred to as “Village of Okemos”. The developer indicated in their letter to the Township June 2024 that the project was on indefinite hold. The project, a 200 mixed-use development at the southwest corner of Hamilton Road and Okemos Road has been the subject of discussion in the community for over a decade.

On November 3, 2025 the DDA body elected to support the Township’s request to Hubbell Roth and Clark (HRC) to act as our consultant to submit the hefty **Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development** (BUILD) Grant application with the Ingham County Road Department. The total cost from the DDA not to exceed \$50,000. The BUILD Grant is a federal grant offered through the U.S Department of Transportation (USDOT). The goal of the grant is to offer funding to local units of government access to funding for transportation projects that don’t qualify for other transportation improvements. [The notice of funding opportunity guideline is available online for those interested in reviewing.](#) Applications for BUILD were submitted by Ingham County Road Department with the assistance of HRC. Final results should be announced early summer. The full application supports road improvements on Okemos Road from Clinton Street to Nancy Moore Park to address the severity of the condition of Okemos Road.

If approved the funding will support the addition of a left turn lane, updated pathway/sidewalks, and updated signalization at the intersection.

Discussion Points:

Current Status of Property

Next Action of the Township

No action is needed from members for this item.