

The Special Meeting for July 14, 2023, of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board was called to order by Chair, Robert Kemper at 2:05 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at New Buffalo City Hall, 224 W. Buffalo Street, New Buffalo, MI 49117.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by DDA.

Roll Call:

Present: Member Danesi, Gradowski, Humphrey, Kemper, Rahm, Smock

Absent: Member Lindsay

Staff present: City Clerk Fidler

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Rahm, seconded by Smock to approve the agenda:

Voice Vote, Motion Carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes May 31, 2023 (Special Meeting): Motion by Humphrey, seconded by Smock to approve May 31, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes:

Voice Vote, Motion Carried.

Public Comment:

None

Discussion:

The board held discussions on the following topics: Social District Requirements/Challenges, Pedestrian Bridge; long term DDA support, Future DDA Master Plan, Feedback on the July Fourth weekend, potential new DDA members.

Chair Kemper also discussed the need to have the following sub-committees and asked board members to volunteer to be on them. Below are the following sub-committees.

Aesthetic/Operations Sub-Committee: Mark Danesi

Economic Development Sub-Committee: Chad Gradowski and Ben Smock

Potential New DDA Members: Motion by Rahm, seconded by Gradowski to approve the recommendation of Cora Schimanski and Dawn Workman to the City Council as members of the Downtown Development Authority:

Voice Vote, Motion Carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Smock, seconded by Danesi to adjourn the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

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Robert Kemper, Chair

Amy Fidler, City Clerk