

The Regular Meeting for March 14, 2024, of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board was called to order by chair, Ben Smock at 9:04 a.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: Gradowski, Humphrey, Kemper, Smock, Rahm

Absent: Members Lindsay, Danesi, Workman

Staff present: Deputy Clerk Schroeder

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Humphrey, seconded by Gradowski to approve the agenda.

Voice Vote, Motion Carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes February 16, 2024 (Special Meeting)

Motion by Kemper, seconded by Humphrey to approve February 16, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes as corrected.

Voice Vote, Motion Carried

Public Comment: None

Development Liquor License New Buffalo Art Gallery 137 N Whittaker St

Motion by Kemper, seconded by Gradowski to support the request for the Development Liquor License for the New Buffalo Art Gallery.

Voice vote, motion carried.

Review of DDA Board Member Applications and Resignation of Cora Schimanski

Motion by Kemper, seconded by Rahm to support the appointment of Mike Schimanski in place of Cora Schimanski and Diane Pyshos to replace Joe Lindsay.

Voice vote, motion carried.

Discussion on the following topics:

NBARA Letter of Support that was sent to local business owners, Parking lot at N. Thompson and E. Mechanic, and ride share signs.

NBBA Special Event Applications

Motion by Rahm, Seconded by Gradowski to support the NBBA Farmers Market special event.

Voice Vote, Motion Carried.

Letter of support of South Whittaker Public Parking project

Motion by Kemper, seconded by Gradowski to send a letter of support for the South Whittaker Parking Project.

Voice Vote, Motion Carried.

Adjournment:

Motion by Rahm, seconded by Kemper to adjourn the meeting at 09:57 a.m.

Voice Vote, Motion Carried.

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Ben Smock, Chair

Amber Schroeder, Deputy Clerk