

The Special Meeting for May 28, 2020 of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board was called to order by Chair, Robert Kemper at 9:04 am in a virtual meeting on Zoom hosted by New Buffalo City Hall, 224 W. Buffalo Street, New Buffalo, MI 49117.

Roll Call

Members present: Mayor, Lou O'Donnell; Chair, Robert Kemper; Boardmembers; Dee Dee Duhn, Joe Lindsay, J.V. Peacock, Pete Rahm, Chad Gradowski, Jodi Sullivan

Absent – Doug Roch

Motion by Lindsay, seconded by Peacock to excuse Roch from the meeting.
Roll call vote, motion carried, 8/0.

Staff present: City Manager, David Richards; City Clerk, Ann Fidler; Deputy Clerk, Nancy Griffin.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Lindsay, seconded by Peacock to approve the agenda.
Roll call vote, motion carried, 8/0.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion by Lindsay, seconded by Duhn to approve the minutes of March 12, 2020.
Roll call vote, motion carried, 8/0.

Public comment

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New Business

- Variance and special use request for 704 W. Merchant from YMCA to operate a commercial use fitness facility/community center

Motion by Lindsay, seconded by Gradowski to support and recommend the variance at the St. Mary's location to the YMCA.

Roll call vote, motion carried, 7/1, (O'Donnell abstained since it is going to Council).

- Update on Farmer's Market

Abby Voss provided an explanation of the update to the Farmer's Market.

Old Business

- **Communication** – Joe Lindsay, Pete Rahm

Discussion to form a sub-committee to create a plan for outdoor dining and outdoor retail.

- **Community Outreach** – Dee Dee Duhn, Jodi Sullivan

No comment

- **Operations** – Robert Kemper

- Treasurer Report

No comment

- **Economic Development** – David Richards, Chad Gradowski, J.V. Peacock

No comment

Member Comment

- Harbor Grand opening tentatively set for mid-August
- Marina Grand will be opening June 1st for stays in the hotel
- Market is hot for Real Estate
- Bike, kayak and paddleboard boom happening right now

Adjournment

Motion by Rahm, seconded by Gradowski to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 am.

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Robert Kemper, Chair

Nancy Griffin, Deputy Clerk