



Agenda  
City of New Buffalo  
Downtown Development Authority

**Board of Directors**  
**Special Meeting**  
June 18, 2020  
9:00 AM

- Call to order
- Roll call
- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of the previous meeting minutes
- New Business
  - Public comments and submittals
  - Sidewalk dining and retail sales ordinance
- Old Business
  - Communication – JL, PR
    - comments
  - Community Outreach – DD, JS
    - comments
  - Operations – RK
    - comments
  - Economic Development – DR, CG, JV
    - comments
- Member comments
- Adjournment

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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Nancy Griffin, Deputy Clerk