



**Agenda**  
**City of New Buffalo**  
**Downtown Development Authority**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Friday, August 18, 2023**  
**10:00 a.m.**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes – July 14, 2023 (Special)
6. Public Comment
7. New Business
  - a. Mechanic Street Off- Street Parking Lot
  - b. DDA Master Plan workshop
8. Discussions
  - a. August 21, 2023 City Council Agenda
9. Updates
  - a. Aesthetics/Operations Sub-committee
  - b. Economic Development committee
10. Members Comments
10. Adjournment

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

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Amy Fidler, City Clerk