



**Marquette Downtown Development Authority
Meeting Minutes for March 12, 2026**

Call to Order

A meeting of the Marquette Downtown Development Authority (MDDA) Board of Directors was held on Thursday March 12th, 2026, at the Marquette Commons. The meeting was called to order by Board Vice President P. Sala at 8:02 a.m. with Directors M. Weinrick, C. Durley, B. Glitt, C. Klecha, A. Clark, present.

Absent: R. Stern, R. Caron

C. Klecha made a motion to approve the absences of R. Stern, and R. Caron. C. Durley seconded; motion passed.

Others in attendance were Sean Hobbins-Marquette Assistant City Manager, Jodi Lanciani-DDA Operations Director, Michael Bradford-DDA Business Outreach & Promotions Director, and Brian Shier-Farmers Market Manager.

Agenda

C. Durley made a motion to approve the agenda. M. Weinrick seconded; motion passed.

Public Comment

No public comment

Consent Agenda

C. Durley made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the minutes from 2/12/2026, bills for approval dated 2/1/2026 - 2/28/2026, and financial reports as of 2/28/2026. C. Klecha seconded; motion passed.

Bills:

Advance Auto Parts	\$ 739.28	Marquette Monthly	\$ 410.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 169.58	Marquette Wallpaper & Paint	\$ 25.96
Board of Light & Power	\$ 2,345.37	Metro Elevator Inc	\$ 5,040.00
Brown Equipment Company	\$ 126.69	Midway Rentals	\$ 17.52
C. Pesola LLC	\$ 1,850.00	Mining Journal	\$ 2,000.00
Capital One Commercial	\$ 322.38	North Country Disposal	\$ 750.00
Cardmember Service	\$ 5,444.73	Passport Labs, Inc	\$ 729.60
Charter Communications	\$ 80.00	Pomp's Tire Service	\$ 1,427.06
Chesla & Associates PC	\$ 324.00	Prime Specialty	\$ 1,835.97
City of Marquette	\$ 192.35	SEMCO	\$ 685.58

Crossroads Truck Repair	\$ 526.00	T2 Systems Canada Inc.	\$ 1,900.00
Enright Excavating	\$ 10,142.86	Traffic & Safety Control	\$ 950.00
Incredible Bank	\$ 4,789.75	Trudell Plumbing	\$ 187.50
Integris	\$ 140.00	Vestis	\$ 347.86
Lake Superior Press	\$ 442.49	VSP Insurance Co.	\$ 78.21
Legal Services	\$ 810.00	Western Michigan Health	\$ 6,250.56
Loyaltees Vendor	\$ 788.95	Payroll Expenses	\$ 58,682.49
Madeline Arquette	\$ 550.00	Total	\$ 111,102.74

New Business

1. Angry Bear Event Support

- a. Ore dock brewing company has submitted a support request for Saturday April 22nd.
- b. The event request includes closure of the 100 block of Spring St. and partial use of five parking lot spaces in the Spring St parking lot.
- c. 5000 anticipated attendees for this event
- d. C. Klecha made a motion to approve the support request. C. Durley seconded; motion passed.

Committee Reports

1. Parking Committee
 - a. A promotion is moving forward to incentivize businesses who move into vacant properties in the downtown district with up to three free parking permits for a year.
2. Design and Maintenance – Reviewed wayfinding sign location plan.

Executive Director’s Report –

1. Corbin has finalized the majority of our wayfinding signage. Cost estimates and bid package are forthcoming.
2. DDA worked with city staff on evaluating company proposals for the Sustainable Tourism Plan.
3. Discussing a remodel of the Bluff Alley stair cluster.
4. Match on Main applications are due to the DDA office March 31st. They are located on the website

Business Development and Promotions Director’s Report

1. UP200 had the highest attendance we have seen for the event. UP200 leaders are looking for someone to organize the downtown start.
2. Restaurant week is currently happening
3. Working on vendors and music for Blueberry Fest and Music on Third

Farmers Market Manager’s Report -

1. Applications for the market are out and flowing in
2. Brian got elected to the Michigan Farmers Market Association Board

Public Comment

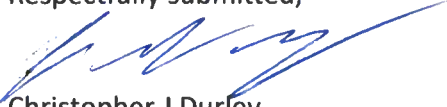
No public comment

Board Member Comment:

1. M. Weinrick: Excited that UP200 was a raging success. Hoping Angry Bear has the same opportunity.
2. P. Sala: Some residents are raising concerns about safety on sidewalks outside of downtown, but it's been a great winter.
3. C. Durley: Free day at the UP Children's Museum this Sunday. Shamrock Sprint tonight through Queen City Running
4. C. Klecha: Excited for Angry Bear. Next week Charlie is going to a small informal gathering of Baraga St. business owners to get acquainted with each other.
5. A. Clark: No comment.
6. B. Glitt: Excited for winter to come back.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37am. A motion was made by C. Durley, seconded by C. Klecha; motioned passed

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher J Durley.

Board Secretary

Marquette Downtown Development Authority

