



**Marquette Downtown Development Authority
Meeting Minutes for March 20, 2025**

Call to Order

A meeting of the Marquette Downtown Development Authority (MDDA) Board of Directors was held on Thursday March 20, 2025, at the Marquette Commons. The meeting was called to order by Board Secretary C. Durley at 8:01 a.m. with Directors R. Caron, A. Clark, M. Weinrick, C. Klecha present.

Absent: P. Sala, K. Kovacs., R. Stern, and L. Rowland were absent. P. Sala, K. Kovacs, and R. Stern gave appropriate notice of their intended absences.

M. Weinrick made a motion to approve the absences of P. Sala, R. Stern, K. Kovacs. A. Clark 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. Klecha made a motion to approve the agenda. M. Weinrick seconded; motion passed.

Public Comment – None

Consent Agenda

A. Clark made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the minutes from February 13, 2025, bills for approval dated February 1, 2025 through February 28, 2025, and financial reports as of February 28, 2025. M. Weinrick seconded; motion passed.

February Bills:

Advance Auto Parts	\$ 33.99	Marquette Monthly	\$ 505.00
AIS Construction Equipment	\$ 4,800.00	MiDEAL State of Michigan	\$ 180.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 102.86	North Country Disposal	\$ 411.00
Board of Light & Power	\$ 2,617.42	Northarrow	\$ 1,058.23
Boreal Collective	\$ 500.00	Otis Elevator	\$ 11,750.00
C. Pesola LLC	\$ 1,850.00	Range Telecommunication	\$ 125.00
Cardmember Service	\$ 11,266.45	SEMCO	\$ 467.79
Charter Communications	\$ 79.98	Seton	\$ 3,263.05
Chesla & Associates PC	\$ 465.00	Stericycle	\$ 79.72
City of Marquette	\$ 25,120.38	T2 Systems Canada Inc.	\$ 1,900.00
Cook Sign Service	\$ 3,539.38	Traffic & Safety Control	\$ 1,035.00
Curran & Company	\$ 762.49	UP200	\$ 2,000.00

Enright Excavating	\$ 8,571.43	Vestis	\$ 397.39
Getz's Department Store	\$ 109.98	VSP Insurance Co.	\$ 57.98
Heartland Services	\$ 878.99	Western Michigan Health	\$ 4,009.13
Incredible Bank	\$ 6,419.00	Xerox Corporation	\$ 200.31
Integris	\$ 83.74	Payroll Costs & Benefits	\$ 51,168.27
Liam Gray	\$ 102.24	Total	\$ 145,913.69
Marquette County	\$ 2.49		

New Business:

Draft TIF Plan 5 – TIF Plan 5 was presented for review. TIF Plan 5 corrects some errors in the way the Third St. corridor business were included in TIF Plan 4. It also extends the duration of the TIF to end in 2054.

TIF revenue sharing with the city has also been explored, and it has been determined that sharing 5% of future TIF would be acceptable and not cause disruption of the DDA budget.

C. Klecha made motion to support the adoption of TIF Plan 5. A. Clark seconded; motion passed.

C. Klecha made a motion to support 5% sharing of future TIF revenue with the City of Marquette. A. Clark seconded; motion passed.

Committee Reports – The Design and Maintenance committee is reviewing Match on Main Grants. Two committee members had to reclude themselves due to conflicts of interest. M. Weinrick agreed to review these as well.

There will be a façade grant for review by the subcommittee soon.

M. Bradford's DDA subcommittee did not meet, but he did report that the 4th of July committee has been evolving; it has new members and downtown businesses are getting involved.

Executive Director's Report – Midwest Construction is looking for a general letter of support for development of the building on the 400 block of W. Washington. S. Hobbins said the Brownfield Committee is still reviewing their request and may make some recommendations on adjusting the number of rent controlled units.

Maintenance update – The last snowstorm was hard on our equipment. The Holder was out of commission during that storm and with less equipment, it took longer to get all areas plowed. Due to the heavy snow, some of our equipment was damaged during this storm. The Holder is now operational, and the damaged equipment is being repaired by our staff.

We recently purchased more black rectangular planters identical to the ones on the 100 and 200 blocks of Washington St. These planters require less watering by our staff. We are phasing out the half baskets, except on hills.

The Michigan Association of Planning will hold a planning and zoning academy at NMU on May 14, 2025. T. Laase-McKinney has more information for anyone interested in attending.

T. Laase-McKinney and J. Lanciani attended a city training session for committee liaisons. There will be training sessions for new board members in the upcoming months, and T. Laase-McKinney will send out that information.

Operation Director's Report – The new reserved parking spots at the Bluff St. Ramp have all been sold and signs are being put up. The One Marquette Place parking lot signs have arrived and will be installed soon. The parking subcommittee will meet this spring to look at budget items for the next fiscal year, including possibly needing to budget for the PS8 pay station upgrade.

Business Development and Promotions Director's Report – This will be the last year of Art Week, with a theme of "Stories." A project for Rosewood walkway has been proposed.

Farmers Market Manager's Report – Farmers Market applications are open, and B. Shier is approving vendors. The first Saturday market is May 17th and the first Wednesday market is June 11th.

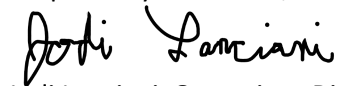
Public Comment: None

Board Member Comment: A. Clark had no comment. R. Caron is pleased winter is ending. He said restaurant week was great. M. Weinrick had no comment. C. Klecha is disappointed that he must sit out on his subcommittee for Match on Main grants, but he is excited to see so many applicants. C. Durley commented on an excellent dinner he had at Vango's for St. Patrick's Day and commended R. Caron's staff.

A Clark made a motion to adjourn. C. Klecha seconded; motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jodi Lanciani". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jodi" and last name "Lanciani" clearly distinguishable.

Jodi Lanciani, Operations Director