



Marquette Downtown Development Authority Meeting Minutes for July 24, 2024

Call to Order

A meeting of the Marquette Downtown Development Authority (MDDA) Board of Directors was held on Wednesday July 24, 2024, at the Marquette Commons. The meeting was called to order by Board President N. Durley-Rust at 7:39 a.m. with Directors R. Stern, K. Kovacs, M. Weinrick, R. Caron, and A. Clark present.

Absent: L. Rowland and P. Sala gave appropriate notice that they could not attend the meeting.

R. Stern made a motion to approve the absences of L. Rowland and P. Sala. M. Weinrick 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 Additions to the agenda:

1. Delft Theater Right of Entry License.
2. Music on 3rd street closure August 15, 2024

K. Kovac made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions. M. Weinrick seconded; motion passed.

Public Comment – None

New Business

Budget – A summary of the 2024-25 budget was presented with specific revenue predictions discussed as well as expected operational and capital expenses.

It was pointed out that TIF revenue sharing is not included in this budget but may factor into future budgets. Also, the current TIF estimates may change based on results of property owners contesting tax uncapping. The board discussed the small decrease in fund balance for 2025 and the current year's predicted increase in fund balance. It was also discussed that the current TIF term is not long enough to allow the DDA to bond, thus it is important to have a significant fund balance to cover emergency expenses.

R. Stern made a motion to approve the budget. A. Clark seconded; motion carried.

Delft Theater right of entry license – R. Stern made a motion to approve the request for drilling. A. Clark seconded; motion carried.

Music on Third St. Street Closure – For the remaining Music on Third events this year, M. Weinrick made a motion to close Third St. from College Ave to Arch St. from 5:30 pm to 8 pm, pending 75% approval from businesses in the closure area. A. Clark seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Board Member Comment: K. Kovacs is looking forward to a full board. N. Durley is looking forward to Blueberry Fest where her restaurant will be offering blueberry bread pudding. R. Stern said finances are going in the right direction. M. Weinrick is looking forward to seeing how Music on 3rd plays out while satisfying business and safety concerns. R. Caron had no additional comments. A. Clark had no additional comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jodi Lanciani".

Jodi Lanciani