

From: [Tony McGhee](#)
To: [Dustin Tam](#)
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Subject: Re: Interest in photographing for DDA efforts
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:30:51 PM

Thank you for reaching out. We will include information as an item on the next DDA agenda. We are just at the beginning of our marketing and branding efforts with the group, so the timing of the email is good with where they are.

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From: Dustin Tam <dustinjtam@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:25 PM
To: Tony McGhee <TMcGhee@cityofbuchanan.com>
Subject: Interest in photographing for DDA efforts

Hello,

My name is Dustin Tam, and I am a photographer based in downtown Buchanan. I spend much of my time walking this town with my camera, documenting its architecture, its light, and the people who give it character.

Alan Robandt recently approached me and mentioned there is interest in strengthening Buchanan's visual presence to help attract visitors. After reviewing the New Buffalo Explored website, I believe my work fits naturally within that direction while offering a distinct perspective rooted here.

I am a street and fine art photographer focused on small town communities. My work emphasizes visual harmony between people and place, often through minimal, high contrast imagery that feels authentic rather than staged. Buchanan already has the substance. My role is to reveal it clearly and cohesively.

I would welcome the opportunity to create a curated body of images for the DDA and city to use across web, print, social media, and promotional materials, highlighting storefronts, public spaces, local businesses, and everyday moments that define this town.

Attached are examples of photographs I have taken in Buchanan. My full portfolio can be viewed at <https://instagram.com/still.joy.photography>.











I care deeply about this community and would be proud to contribute to how it is presented. I would be glad to discuss scope and next steps at your convenience.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

-Dustin Tam
(Still Joy Photography)