



City of Hartford
County of Van Buren, State of Michigan
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 10:00am
PROPOSED MINUTES

Members Present: Shayne Darling, Brian Garland, Mark Kellogg, Pete Sinclair, Gurnamaskar Singh, Rick Stevens,
Members Absent: Manuela Blaylock-Villota, Sandra Banda-Tavarez,
Staff Present: Nicol Pulluam, Manager; RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, Clerk

President Brian Garland, called the DDA meeting to order at 10:00am.

Pledge of allegiance was said.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Darling, supported by Singh, to approve the agenda.
Motion Carries 6 – 0

Public Comment:

- Mickey Bittner and Paul Harvey, Wightman's, gave an update on the 2026 Construction Projects along West Main Street to the City Limits & the Center & Main Street Intersection.

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion by Darling, supported by Singh, to accept the January 20 & February 17, 2026 minutes.
Motion carried 6 – 0

Acceptance of the Finance Report:

Motion by Kellogg, supported by Singh, to accept the February 2026 financials.
Motion carried 6 – 0

Goals/Objectives: None Discussed

Old Business: None Discussed

New Business:

- Discuss & Consider – 2026/2027 Budget Planning
Discussion: Consider goals where to allocate resources. The board would like to budget for façade program, contractual services to develop the program, community partnerships, banners, blight cleanup and signage. The budget needs to follow the DDA plan's priorities.
- Darling left the meeting at 10:27am
- Discuss & Consider – Banner Purchase

Discussion: Concerns about spending money for 250-year anniversary banners that will be used one year and for this summer while construction is going on.

Motion by Kellogg, supported by Stevens, approved up to \$2,000 to purchase banners.

Motion carried 5 – 0

Adjournment

Motion by Garland, to adjourn the meeting at 10:58am

Motion carried

Next Meeting is April 21, 2026 at 10am

Respectively submitted by,

Shayne Darling, DDA Secretary