



DDA ACTION SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE: September 15, 2026

TOPIC Horse and Wagon Rides – Sing & Stroll Event

I recommend that the Board approve horse-drawn carriage rides as a recurring element of our holiday programming and authorize the attached 2026 agreement with Blackstone Stables Horse Drawn Carriage Co. The rides are scheduled for Light Up Lake Orion, the rebranded Sing & Stroll celebration, on November 19 and Shop Small Saturday on November 28. They give visitors another reason to spend time downtown during both events and continue an established holiday attraction.

2026 Agreement and Budget

The proposal provides one team and wagon for November 19, 2026, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., and November 28, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The total contract price for both dates is \$2,200. This expense was planned and is budgeted in GL 248-729-880-012, Sing & Stroll Tree Lighting. The account retains its current name although the November 19 event is being rebranded "Light Up Lake Orion" at the direction of the Promotion Committee.

Before signing, the Director will confirm the route and loading area, nearby staging parking, event logistics and the deposit schedule. The submitted form refers to both a 20% and a 50% booking deposit; the final agreement should state one consistent amount without changing the \$2,200 total. Any material increase in price or expansion in scope would return to the Board.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

I move to approve horse-drawn carriage rides as a recurring component of the DDA's Light Up Lake Orion and Shop Small Saturday programming; approve the Blackstone Stables Horse Drawn Carriage Co. agreement for November 19 and November 28, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$2,200, charged to GL 248-729-880-012, Sing & Stroll Tree Lighting; and authorize the Executive Director to finalize the route, staging, schedule and internally consistent deposit terms and execute the agreement, provided the total price and material scope do not change.

Attachment: Blackstone Stables Carriage Ride Contract for November 19 and November 28, 2026.