



DDA ACTION SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE: October 20, 2026

TOPIC Acceptance of Resignation and Recognition of Service — Board Member Lloyd Coe

Purpose

This memorandum is presented to formally acknowledge and accept the resignation of Board Member Lloyd Coe and, more importantly, to recognize his many years of extraordinary service, generosity, and commitment to Downtown Lake Orion.

Background and Recognition of Service

Few individuals have contributed to the character, traditions, and spirit of Downtown Lake Orion in quite the way Lloyd Coe has.

As the longtime owner of Ed's Broadway Gift & Costume, alongside his wife Kathy, Lloyd has been a familiar and valued presence in the downtown business community for nearly three decades. Since opening their business in 1997, Lloyd and Kathy have helped make downtown a place where community traditions are celebrated, neighbors come together, and local businesses are more than simply places of commerce.

Lloyd's formal service on the DDA Board began in November 2018, but his commitment to the DDA, the Main Street program, and the broader Lake Orion community extends well beyond his years as a Board member.

Throughout that time, Lloyd has generously shared his experience as a downtown business owner, his practical insight, his time, and perhaps most memorably, his remarkable collection of costumes and theatrical resources. For decades, his contributions to the Orion Lighted Christmas Parade and other community celebrations have helped create the magic, excitement, and lasting memories that generations of Lake Orion families have come to cherish.

His contributions have extended well beyond the parade. Lloyd was instrumental in creating the Downtown Cornhole League, bringing residents, businesses, and visitors together through a welcoming and enjoyable downtown tradition. His involvement with the American Legion, community fundraising, volunteer activities, and countless downtown events reflects a willingness to step forward whenever an extra set of hands, a creative idea, or a little encouragement was needed.

Whether serving on a committee, helping organize an event, providing costumes, supporting fellow merchants, or simply offering a thoughtful perspective at a Board meeting, Lloyd has consistently demonstrated what the Main Street approach to community development is intended to accomplish: building a stronger downtown through the people who care enough to invest themselves in its success.

Expression of Appreciation

The Downtown Development Authority recognizes that the success of a downtown cannot be measured solely by completed projects, new investment, or economic development statistics. It must also be measured by the people who give a community its personality, traditions, and sense of belonging.

Lloyd Coe has helped shape all three.

His years of service reflect the very best of volunteer leadership: generosity without expectation, commitment without fanfare, and a genuine belief that the time and energy invested in one's community will make it a better place for everyone.

While his departure from the Board marks the conclusion of an important chapter of service, his contributions will remain part of Downtown Lake Orion's history and identity for years to come.

On behalf of the Downtown Development Authority, its Board of Directors, staff, downtown businesses, and the many residents and families who have benefited from his involvement, we extend our sincere gratitude to Lloyd for his leadership, friendship, and lasting contributions to our community.

Thank you, Lloyd, for the years you have given to Downtown Lake Orion and for the many ways you have made it a better place to live, work, gather, and celebrate.

Recommended Motion

Motion to accept, with sincere appreciation, the resignation of Lloyd Coe from the Lake Orion Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors; to formally recognize and commend his years of dedicated service to the DDA, the Main Street program, and the greater Lake Orion community; and to direct that this memorandum of recognition and appreciation be entered into the official minutes of the Downtown Development Authority Board as a permanent expression of gratitude for his contributions.