



DDA ACTION SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE: APRIL 21, 2026

TOPIC CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED STEERING COMMITTEE W/ VILLAGE COUNCIL

BACKGROUND BRIEF:

At its April 13, 2026 meeting, the Village Council passed a motion to form a steering committee to provide an opportunity for the Dda Board, and staff, the better discuss and communicate about planning, projects, financial condition and other matters between the organizations.

This discussion and motion was following a referral of the question of whether the DDA Board should be dissolved into the Village Planning Commission (a discussion of that topic and the legal barriers is in a separate agenda item report). The basis of the request to dissolve the board was to improve communication. The DDA supports that concept fully.

It was interesting that the members arguing to place the effort of the DDA Board in the hands of Planning Commission, “to improve communication” voted no on the motion to create this working committee. Likewise, neither sought appointment. Despite that result, the committee was formed and the minutes of the motion and actions is attached.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This is an excellent way to possibly break down the communication barrier between the organizations. Our Director (me) was added to the council agenda, but the spot is for me to present only, which does not afford the chance for council members to ask questions or otherwise get better informed, on all sides of a matter. This is a start, and it is not a binding action-based group, rather one where concept and solution might be engaged to guide better understanding of decisions. I support the concept and the effort and recommend the Board also supports this.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

Move that the Lake Orion Downtown Development Board approve participation in the Village Council-DDA Steering Committee, for six (6) months, or until mutually dissolved whichever is longer, further authorizing the Board Chair to appoint a member, in addition to herself, and an alternate to serve in her absence, forthwith.