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# MEMORANDUM

To: LVDDA Board of Directors From: Susie Stec, DDA and CED Director Date: May 11, 2023 RE: Department/Director Report

In an effort to provide consistent updates to the DDA Board of Directors, City Administrator, and City Council the following monthly is submitted for your review.

## Upcoming DDA Events

- Mental Health Awareness Seminar: May 24<sup>th</sup>, 6 8 pm
- Planting Party: June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9 11 am
- Southfield Road Corridor Cleanup: June 10<sup>th</sup>, 9 11 am
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Juneteenth Celebration: June 17<sup>th</sup>, 12 Noon 4 pm

## Past DDA Events

- Informational Meeting: April 15<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm (immediately following BOD)
- Cash Flow Workshop: April 26<sup>th</sup>, TBD
  - \* In partnership with MSOC, Oak Park & Southfield
- Annie Lathrup Park Cleanup: April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9 11 am

## Commercial Business/Property Updates

- 26740 Southfield Road (The Style) NEW BUSINESS. Retail business specializing in women's fashion; planning to open in June.
- 277701 Southfield Road (The Event House) NEW BUSINESS. Seeking site plan and special land use approval at the May 16<sup>th</sup> PC meeting. They obtained a variance for hours of operation in April. Intends to be operational in early June.
- 26727 Southfield Road (BP Gas) OPEN! Received sign variances in May.
- 27777 Southfield (Panera Bread) Panera has obtained wrecking clearances and had applied for a demolition permit. It is unknown when demolition will take place.
- 18411 W 12 Mile (LOGOS) Landscaping will be finished in the spring



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• Several prospective businesses have reached out in the past month seeking information about opening a business in the city and the associated planning & zoning processes.

#### **Infrastructure**

- 2023 infrastructure work is in full-swing and ahead of schedule! Group 1 streets and DDA alleys & approaches should be completed by the end of May. Weathering permitting, Group 2 streets should have the first lift of asphalt before Memorial Day.
- Year 3 of the Sidewalk Replacement Program will begin with saw cutting the week of May 15<sup>th</sup>. The bulk of the work will take place after Memorial Day, starting on 11 Mile.
- HRC has submitted the DDA's application for 2025 MDOT Safety Program funds to install a HAWK signal at Margate/Southfield Road
- Staff and consultants will be meeting with representatives from MDOT to discuss their planned work for I-696 between Lahser and Dequindre. A meeting with RCOC is also being scheduled to discuss the project scope and timeline for improvements to Southfield Road between 11 and 12 Mile Roads. Public meetings and outreach will be planned once the administration has information on both projects.

#### **Miscellaneous**

- DDA is partnering with Oak Park, Southfield, Farmington Hills, and Michigan Works! Southfield office to develop and send a survey to the businesses in our respective communities to help identify desired training/workshop topics.
- DTE Tree Grant planting activities will take place in Fall 2023.