

Downtown Development Authority Special Meeting
Madison Heights, Michigan
March 13, 2026

A Downtown Development Authority Special Meeting was held on Friday, March 13, 2026 at 8:00 AM at Library Flex Space, 240 W. 13 Mile rd.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Corey Haines (arrived at 8:37 a.m.)
Chair Yousif Jarbo
Member Joseph Keys
Member Joe Marando
Member Melissa Marsh
Member Lourdes Osorio-Lorenzo
Member Michael Sheppard
Member Mitchell Socia
Member Marija Ujkic
Vice -Chair Michael Van Buren

ABSENT

Member David Eldridge
Member Gerry Hambright
Member Lenea Renshaw

OTHERS PRESENT

Community and Economic Development Director Giles Tucker
Business Services Coordinator Mary Daley
Communications/media specialist Kindred McEvoy

Director Tucker introduced our newest members of the DDA Board, Mitchell Socia and David Eldridge, who was unable to attend today's meeting.

DDA-26-08. Excuse Member.

Motion by Vice-Chair Van Buren, Seconded by Member Keys to excuse Member Lenea Renshaw and Member David Eldridge.

Voting Yea: Mayor Haines, Chair Jarbo, Member Keys, Member Marando, Member Marsh, Member Osorio-Lorenzo, Member Sheppard, Member Socia, Member Van Buren
Absent: Member Eldridge, Member Hambright, Member Renshaw
Motion carried.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The DDA chair opened the meeting to the public at 8:02 am. Seeing there was no one from the public wishing to speak, the meeting to the public was closed at 8:02 am.

DDA – 26-09. MHDDA Regular Meeting Minutes 2-19-26

Motion to approve the MHDDA Meeting Minutes of February 19 ,2026, as printed.
Motion made by Vice -Chair Van Buren, Seconded by Member Sheppard.

Voting Yea: Mayor Haines, Chair Jarbo, Member Keys, Member Marando, Member Marsh, Member Osorio-Lorenzo, Member Sheppard, Member Socia, Member Van Buren

Absent: Member Eldridge, Member Hambright, Member Renshaw

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Downtown Clocktower Repair Project

At the February 19th Regular DDA meeting, the DDA board authorized Director Tucker to spend up to \$25,000 for the repair of the clock tower. This limit was based on anticipated cost of a new module and clockface, but would not support chimes. However, a good amount of feedback was received from the community with a strong desire to bring back the chimes. The DDA reconsidered the previous decision to now include chime repair, rust removal and repainting. Director Tucker broke down the pricing he received as detailed in the packet.

After some discussion, it was a consensus of the board to move forward with the company we originally purchased the clock tower from and has also performed past service, Verdin.

DDA – 26-10. DDA Clocktower Repair Project

Motion made by Member Keys, seconded by Mayor Haines to approve the proposal provided by Verdin Towers for the replacement of the clock tower module, timepieces and clock hands, amplifier, speakers and install new LED moonglow backlighting for a project cost of \$38,298 with a contingency of an additional \$5,000 for associated costs and to authorize Staff to pay for rust removal, sealing and repainting of the clock tower for a total not to exceed \$15,000 with an anticipated grand total for the completion of this project is \$58,298.

Voting Yea: Mayor Haines, Chair Jarbo, Member Keys, Member Marando, Member Marsh, Member Osorio-Lorenzo, Member Sheppard, Member Socia, Member Van Buren

Absent: Member Eldridge, Member Hambright, Member Renshaw

Motion carried.

TRAINING & EVENT OPPORTUNITIES

Main Street Oakland County: Main Street Approach Presentation & Training

Annika Norris of Main Street Oakland County gave a short presentation on the nation's first and only county-wide coordinating Main Street Program.

The Main Street Approach is an economic development strategy that focuses on leveraging existing social, economic, physical and cultural assets to energize community revitalization efforts and help manage success for the long term.

The Main Street Approach has a four points strategy focusing on organization, promotion, design, and economic vitality. Annika also discussed grants, available training, and strategic planning.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Chair Jarbo adjourned the meeting at 9:21 a.m.