

MHDDA Regular Meeting
Madison Heights, Michigan
November 20, 2025

A MHDDA Regular Meeting was held on Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 8:00 AM at Library - Flex Space, 240 W. 13 Mile Rd.

PRESENT

Member Rickey Busler
Mayor Corey Haines
Member Gerry Hambright
Chair Yousif Jarbo
Member Joseph Keys
Member Melissa Marsh
Member Lenea Renshaw
Member Michael Sheppard
Member Marija Ujkic
Vice -Chair Michael Van Buren

ABSENT

Member Gordon Davignon
Member Joe Marando

OTHERS PRESENT

Community and Economic Development Director Giles Tucker

Chair Jarbo welcomed newly elected Mayor Corey Haines to the DDA board. He also expressed thanks to out-going Mayor Rosyln Grafstein for her work and dedication to the city.

DDA-25-21. Excuse Members.

Motion to excuse members Davignon and Marando from today's meeting.

Motion made by Member Marsh, Seconded by Member Van Buren.

Voting Yea: Member Busler, Mayor Haines, Member Hambright, Chair Jarbo, Member Keys, Member Marsh, Member Renshaw, Member Sheppard, Member Ujkic, Vice -Chair Van Buren

Absent: Member Davignon, Member Marando

Motion carried.

DDA-25-22. Minutes.

Motion to approve the MHDDA meeting minutes of October 23, 2025, as printed.

Motion made by Member Marsh, Seconded by Member Busler.

Voting Yea: Member Busler, Mayor Haines, Member Hambright, Chair Jarbo, Member Keys, Member Marsh, Member Renshaw, Member Sheppard, Member Ujkic, Vice -Chair Van Buren

Absent: Member Davignon, Member Marando

Motion carried.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

Finance Report

CED Director Tucker noted that there were not any notable expenses from our October 23rd meeting. Other significant expenses include our last payment towards the 11 Mile Streetscape, and \$4,800 upon completion of the sprinkler system replacement for 551 E 11 Mile Rd.

MHHP Q3 Quarterly Report

CED Director Tucker noted that MHHP Chamber Executive Director Linda Williams was unable to attend due to a conflict with a scheduled Chamber meeting. He highlighted her submitted quarterly report, including workforce development meetings, assisting with the Downtown Touchdown event, Small Business Saturday Series and promotional videos.

Discussion was held on the possibility of re-evaluating whether the DDA should continue the contract with the MHHP Chamber at the current funding level and measuring the DDA's return on their investment. Staff will report back to the board with a list of possible achievables to focus tasks that are desired by the DDA and will give the board the ability to have measurables.

11 Mile Streetscape Update

CED Director Tucker provided the following update:

- The sprinkler repair was completed at 551 E. 11 Mile Road.
- Financial reporting is due at the end of December.
- Holiday decorations are up.
- DPS is resetting the clock tower. He will report back on the cost of repairing the clock and tower as well as other alternative options for this area.
- Snow letters were sent out reminding businesses of their responsibilities with snowfalls.
- A SEMCOG grant was submitted for traffic calming and pedestrian safety features; award notifications are expected in December
- Mitch's Prints is submitted a sign and facade grant application and has expressed interest in commissioning a mural on his building
- Revised DDA By-laws are being submitted to City Council for approval. The revision removes the limit of two full terms for DDA board members.

- Bollards in the streetscape were painted yellow on Lorenz with the remainder to be evaluated in the sprint; parking lot striping is starting.

5. Digital Marketing Program- 1 Vision Media

DDA-25-23. 1 Vison Media Contract Termination.

Motion to terminate the agreement with 1 Vision Media to produce promotional videos for businesses in the DDA due to no further interest.

Motion made by Vice -Chair Van Buren, Seconded by Member Busler.

Voting Yea: Member Busler, Mayor Haines, Member Hambright, Chair Jarbo, Member Keys, Member Marsh, Member Renshaw, Member Sheppard, Member Ujkic, Vice -Chair Van Buren

Absent: Member Davignon, Member Marando

Motion carried.

DDA-25-24. New Board Member Recommendation - Lourdes Osorio-Lorenzo.

Motion to recommend Lourdes Osorio-Lorenzo to the Mayor for an appointment to the vacancy on the Downtown Development/Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities.

Motion made by Member Sheppard, Seconded by Vice -Chair Van Buren.

Voting Yea: Member Busler, Mayor Haines, Member Hambright, Chair Jarbo, Member Keys, Member Marsh, Member Renshaw, Member Sheppard, Member Ujkic, Vice -Chair Van Buren

Absent: Member Davignon, Member Marando

Motion carried.

DDA-25-25. 2026 Meeting Dates.

Motion to approve the following meeting dates for 2026:

Regular DDA Meeting Dates

January 15

February 19

June 18

November 19

Informational DDA Meeting Dates

June 18

November 19

DDA/BRA Joint Meeting Dates

April 16

August 20

Motion made by Vice -Chair Van Buren, Seconded by Member Sheppard.

Voting Yea: Member Busler, Mayor Haines, Member Hambright, Chair Jarbo, Member Keys, Member Marsh, Member Renshaw, Member Sheppard, Member Ujkic, Vice -Chair Van Buren

Absent: Member Davignon, Member Marando

Motion carried.

ROUND TABLE:

Member Busler stated on February 3, 2026 there will be a fundraiser for the Animal Shelter at the Coach. 10% of the food sales will be donated to the fundraiser.

CED Director Tucker stated that a small group of representatives from the City's development boards will be forming a committee to provide input to the Master Plan. Please let him know if you are interested in serving on this committee.

Chair Jarbo again welcomed Mayor Haines to the board and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business, Chair Jarbo adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m.