

# Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2023, 3:00 p.m. | Community Room, Kalamazoo City Hall

**PRESENT:** Mayor David Anderson, Curt Aardema, Carl Brown, Grant Fletcher, Stephanie Hinman, Matt Hollander, Clarence Lloyd

**ABSENT:** Jeff Breneman, Susan Lindemann

**STAFF:** Paul Thuringer, Jaime Marsman

## A. CALL TO ORDER

**DIRECTOR FLETCHER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 3:42 P.M**

### ROLL CALL

**PRESENT:** Mayor David Anderson  
Curt Aardema  
Carl Brown  
Grant Fletcher  
Stephanie Hinman  
Matt Hollander  
Clarence Lloyd

**ABSENT:** Jeff Breneman  
Susan Lindemann

**EXCUSED:** Jeff Breneman  
Susan Lindemann

**THE OCTOBER 16, 2023, ATTENDANCE INCLUDING EXCUSED AND UNEXCUSED ABSENCES ARE RECORDED.**

## B. ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA

Director Fletcher noted that there are two changes to the agenda with two items added under Section D as follows:

- 1. Recognition of Carl Brown's Service to the DDA/DEGA Board**
- 2. Appointment of Jeff Breneman to the Executive Committee Secretary position, pending Kwame Gyimah's appointment to the DDA/DEGA Board**

**DIRECTOR HOLLANDER MOVED TO ADOPT THE OCTOBER 16, 2023 AGENDA AS AMENDED.  
DIRECTOR HINMAN SECONDED. NO OBJECTIONS. MOTION CARRIED.**

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## **C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**DIRECTOR AARDEMA MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 MINUTES. DIRECTOR HINMAN SECONDED. NO OBJECTIONS. MOTION CARRIED.**

## **D. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **1. Recognition of Carl Brown's Service to the DDA/DEGA Board**

The Board thanked Director Brown for his service.

### **2. Appointment of Jeff Breneman to the Executive Committee Secretary position, pending Kwame Gyimah's appointment to the DDA/DEGA Board**

**DIRECTOR HOLLANDER MOTIONED TO APPOINT JEFF BRENEMAN TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SECRETARY POSITION, PENDING KWAME GYIMAH'S APPOINTMENT TO THE DDA/DEGA BOARD. DIRECTOR HINMAN SECONDED. NO OBJECTIONS. MOTION CARRIED.**

### **3. Financial Report**

Mr. Thuringer noted that the Financial Report was included in the packet.

**DIRECTOR HOLLANDER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT AS PRESENTED. DIRECTOR AARDEMA SECONDED. NO OBJECTIONS. MOTION CARRIED.**

## **E. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

1. None.

## **F. STAFF UPDATES**

1. Mr. Thuringer reminded the Board that the DDA Board meeting would be moved to the Main Conference Room of the City's offices of Community Planning & Economic Development (CPED) located at 245 N Rose Street.

## **G. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

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## **H. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

1. Director Aardema spoke about the need for City Boards to work together collectively.
2. Director Hollander agreed with Director Aardema's comments regarding the need for City Boards to work together collectively.
3. Director Brown stated that he is grateful to have had the opportunity to participate on the Board and affirmed the Board's ability to keep the downtown growing.

## **I. ADJOURNMENT**

**DIRECTOR FLETCHER ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 3:48 P.M.**