

Agenda

Downtown Development Authority

Board of Directors



City of Kalamazoo

Monday, March 17, 2025

3:00 PM

Main Conference Room at Community Planning and Economic Development

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

1. Purpose Statement:

The purpose of this Downtown Development Authority is to halt property value deterioration and promote economic growth within its business district, to increase property value.

The purpose of this Downtown Economic Growth Authority is to correct and prevent deterioration in residential, commercial, and industrial areas, to authorize the acquisition and disposal of interests in real and personal property; to authorize the creation and implementation of development plans and development areas.

The Kalamazoo DDA and DEGA, acting in concert, have set forth the strategic objective of focusing its resources on improving “The First 16 Feet”, a three-dimensional volume of space including buildings ground floor façade, the frontage that exists between the façade and the common space, and the common space that provides access to and through the district.

B. ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the minutes from the meeting of the Downtown Development Authority Board on February 17, 2025. (**Action: Motion to approve**)

D. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Financial Report - January 2025

E. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. 2025-2026 Slate of Officers (**Action: Motion to Approve the 2025-2026 Slate**)

of Officers)

Proposed Slate is as follows:

- Chair: Curt Aardema
- Vice-Chair: Jeff Breneman
- Treasurer: Jessica Thompson
- Secretary: Clarence Lloyd

2. **Rose Street Plaza MOU (Action: Motion to authorize the DDA to enter into an MOU relating to Rose Street Plaza to provide for a public private partnership to make improvements and provide for maintenance thereof between the City, the DDA and PlazaCorp, in a form approved by the Board Chair and DDA legal Counsel and to authorize the Board Chair to execute.)**
3. **Board Member Reappointment (Action: Recommend the reappointment of Director Gyimah to a full term on the DDA Board for nomination by the Mayor and approval by the City Commission)**
4. **DDA Budget Amendment (Action: Approve a budget amendment to increase expenses by \$517,000 for a payment to the Kalamazoo Community Foundation, to be funded from reserves)**

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS**G. DIRECTOR COMMENTS****H. ADJOURNMENT**