

City of Hamtramck Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 • 6:05pm
City Hall Conference Room (3rd Floor, City Hall) • Hamtramck City Hall, 3401 Evaline St.

Mission Statement: The City of Hamtramck’s Downtown Development Authority supports people, projects, and partnerships that further the economic growth and stability of a thriving Hamtramck.

1. **Call to order 6:10pm**
 2. **Roll call:** Mayor Ghalib **X** / Ahmad Al-Hasan **X** / Milo Madole (**Not Present**) / Shamiran Golani (**Not Present**) / Joan Bittner **6:45pm** / Anwar Hassan **X** / Andrew Dow **X** / Adam Alharbi **6:28pm** / Brian Hoekstra **X** / MD Abul Foej (**Not Present**)
 3. **Pledge of allegiance to the flag**
All stood
 4. **Public comment (3 minutes per person limited to DDA issues)**
Tim Price announcing Hamtramck Neighborhood Arts Festival – tag teaming with sidewalk sale.
Good reception at Labor Day festival, added 10 followers per day.
Lynn Blasey discussed planter boxes looked good for Labor Day, figuring out which plants which plants survive well. Water wagon – pressurizing.
Mayor – announced 1 million grant for trees.
 5. **Approval of agenda**
Andy motions, **Joan** seconds.
All in favor
 6. **Approval of minutes from 08-17-23 meeting**
Joan motions, **Mayor** seconds.
All in favor
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SECTION I: AGENDA ITEMS – For Discussion/Action/Presentation

- a. Shop the World – Hamtramck
 - Alessandro presented on CED updates for the Shop the World event.
 - Conversation built around the event and various promoting techniques.
 - Organizations and Promotions Committee meeting scheduled to finalize details and day-of operations.

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b. JB Associates Presentation on Outreach Progress

- Jon Barth presented findings thus far related to updated surveying and gathering information regarding new businesses in the city.
- Jon to follow up with Building department to get info about DDA residential units.

SECTION II: OTHER ITEMS

1. Public comment (3 minutes per person limited to DDA issues)

Tim – asking for any sponsors.

2. Chairman’s Report & Member Report (5 minutes)

Joan: approached by Michelle Peterson, Baker street, asking for matching funds.

Announces Detroit’s movie theatres 6pm Thursday 5th .

Ahmad announces he is leaving the board and leaving his position as Chair.

Final Ideas for the DDA

1. Full time coordinator for the DDA
 - a. Write grants + main street, etc.
2. Having financials every meeting
 - a. Get info
3. Hope Mayor finds new Chair replacement.
4. TIF

3. Staff Report (5 minutes)

4. ADJOURNMENT

Andy motions, Brian seconds 7:18pm

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