



**City of Garden City**  
**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**Board of Trustees**

**REGULAR MEETING – April 19, 2016**

**A. Call to Order – 6:07pm.**

1) Roll Call

**Members present:** Mayor Randy Walker, Chairperson Steve Valenti, Vice Chair Bruce Boland, Treasurer Penny Klei, John Fleming, John Santeiu, Melissa Freeman.

**Others present:** Director Kimberly Dold, Theresa Manuel, Don Wakefield, Council Member Mark Jacobs

**Members absent:** (EXC) Bob Squires (ABS) John Prosch

2) Approval of Agenda

**Motion to approve the Agenda by John Fleming, supported by Melissa Freeman.**

*Motion passed unanimously*

**Motion to amend the Agenda by John Fleming, supported by Randy Walker to include Art Center Presentation by Don Wakefield as Agenda Item C 3.**

*Motion passed unanimously*

3) Art Center Presentation

Don Wakefield spoke in length about the upcoming ideas taking place at the old gym. He has financial backers interested in remodeling with the focus to turn the old gym into an art center, with part of it being a gallery, having classes available, even a roof top garden. He is in the process of getting a cost of putting in a lift, cleaning up the building and sending out a press release.

**B. Consent Agenda Items: (motion as a whole)**

1) Approval of Minutes

(a) Regular Board Meeting: March 15, 2016

2) Acceptance of Accounts Payable as listed:

(a) To date – April 2016

3) Acceptance of Finance Report as listed for February & March 2016

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by John Santeiu, supported by Penny Klei.**

*Motion passed unanimously*

**C. ACTION ITEMS:**

1) DTE Gateway Upgrade Project

**Motion to replace the clamshells with the T-Box's on each streetlamp pole to abide by MDOT specifications by John Fleming, supported by Melissa Freeman.**

*Motion passed unanimously*

2) CBD Streetlamp Upgrade Project

No action needed, the LED upgrade will continue moving forward.

**D. Information Items**

1) DTE Gas Vault Relocation

A team will be on site April 26, with specialists arriving on April 28. At the prior excavation the smell of benzene was detected, although there is no danger to pedestrians and businesses, the team will be wearing Hazmat suits. Vaults removal will begin May 1. Work is expected to be complete at the end of May with site and payment completely restored.

2) Sam's Club Membership

- Sam's Club Rep came to the office with an interest in being more involved with the DDA. Sponsorships of our events were presented. We will hopefully hear back from him soon. Kim did not feel it was necessary for the DDA to purchase a Sam's Club membership; however, she did purchase one personally listing the DDA as the Member. This allows the DDA trustees to use the card, which is kept in the office and can be signed out.

3) Pompon Banners

Two banners were ordered at \$120. Both have been installed in the Commons Corners. Penn

4) CBD Ordinance Amendment

A Public Hearing was held on April 18<sup>th</sup> and the Ordinance Amendment was passed.

**E. Committee Reports**

1) **Promotion Committee**

- a) Red Pig Road Rally – May 14
- b) GC Taste Fest – May 17
- c) Lucky Squirrel – May 21
- d) Great Bacon 5K – June 4

2) **Design Committee – Bruce Boland**

- a) Bollard RFD – on hold

3) **Maintenance Committee – Bruce Boland**

May need to address the shifting of pavement.

Vision Center has a concern regarding the concrete at their front door.

4) **Marketing Committee**

- a) Great Lakes Burger Bar
- b) Gamers – New Owners
- c) Bulk Food – New Owners
- d) 29135 Ford Rd/Former MECS – Art Center
- e) 1858 Middlebelt – Former Post Office – “Hobby Store”
- f) McDonalds working on plans to update in 2017
- g) Pro Clean Plaza – Yoga and Zumba place
- h) Old Tita Su's Ford Rd – a new restaurant
- i) Old PKSA – Crossfit Center

**F. Open Discussion/Call to Audience**

The Observer has a new reporter by the name of Diane Andreassi to cover the Garden City area.

**G. Adjournment 7:11pm**