

1. CALL TO ORDER

Pat Mecham

Adam Barden

Pamela Stefan

Christine Jobson

Corey Haubenstricker

Jennifer Miller

Andrea McArthur

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Documents:

[JULY 13, 2022 DDA MINUTES.PDF](#)

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (Persons May Speak For Five Minutes About An Item That Is NOT Listed As A Public Hearing On This Agenda. Please State Your Name And Address For The Record.)

5. ONGOING PROJECTS

- Downtown lighting project
 - MML grant has been submitted
 - Scott's Tree Services contacted; may need to go another route

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

- **WELCOME NEW DDA MEMBER: Christine Jobson of Norm's Heating and Cooling!!**
- **Government for Tomorrow, a non-profit group that helps cities and schools create student positions on local government boards, will be joining us via ZOOM at 8:15 am.**

JOIN MEETING:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84335456486>

Additional info.:

My name is Liam and I'm a Charlevoix High School student and founder of the nonprofit, Government for Tomorrow. We help cities and schools create student positions on local government boards. We recently worked with the City of Saginaw to develop a nonvoting student position on their DDA, and we have in total helped create 19 positions across Michigan.

A student position is the opportunity for a high schooler to represent the youth voice of their community. The student liaison can bring their individually unique

perspective as well as the student consensus that is found through polling. Government for Tomorrow presents in classrooms to convince students of the merit in community involvement, reviews applications, conducts interviews, and recommends to the given board a student who best satisfies qualities we believe to make successful youth representatives. Once the student is appointed, we train the student member to be a highly effective member of the board by breaking down things like Robert's Rules of Order, peer communication, polling, and objective representation. The student member receives books and a business headshot to advance their growing career. The idea is for the student and city to greatly benefit from this initiative.

I'd love to have a conversation about student involvement in Vassar– Please let me know if you are interested in arranging a meeting to discuss student liaison positions.

Thank you,

Liam Dreyer

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7. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

8. CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS & STATEMENTS

9. ADJOURNMENT

DDA Minutes from July 13, 2022

7/13/2022 - Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 8:01 am by A. Barden

Present: A. Barden, P. Stefan, J. Miller, c. Haubenstricker, A. Niedzinski, A. McArthur

Absent: P. Mecham

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda by P. Stefan, 2nd by Miller, all in favor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the June 2022 Minutes by P. Stefan, J. Miller 2nd, all in favor

PUBLIC COMMENT (Persons may speak for five minutes about an item that is NOT listed as a Public hearing on this agenda. Please state your name and address for the record.)

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

ONGOING PROJECTS

Holiday lights: Business owners have received letters regarding Holiday lights, and we are beginning to hear back. There is definite interest. A. McArthur to reach out to potential contractors by next meeting so we can determine cost-per-building and relay information to interested parties.

BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Barden and C. Haubenstricker propose replacing dead trees downtown with 4'x4' (approx.) cement 'cubes'. Discussed using cubes periodically as bases for artwork. Potential for themes or individual businesses to display art. Doubles as seating. T. Piazza stopped by; can do them any color, may not be as 'smooth' of a finish as the example shown, should be roughly \$500 each.

P. Stefan suggested creating/purchasing "Project brought to you by the Vassar DDA" signs to put out front of buildings that have received façade grants or to put near cube project, etc. She also suggested before and after photos of façade grant recipient projects be shared to City Facebook page. Group discussed potential to create a VASSAR DDA Facebook page.

C. Haubenstricker propped adding a mural to his building at 139 E. Huron. ("WELCOME TO DOWNTOWN VASSAR' or similar) Is going to seek private funding. Also hopes to finish Vet's Park fountain by Riverfest weekend (on/around August 6, 2022)

P. Stefan to have new awnings installed via façade grant. Turned in application, quote (\$3,700 with a DDA reimbursement value of \$1,860), and drawing. Will turn in receipts after project finalized. C. Haubenstricker motions to approve P. Stefan's façade grant application, J. Miller 2^{nds}, motion passes (P. Stefan abstained from vote)

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS & STATEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:49 am-Motioned by C. Haubenstricker, 2nd by P. Stefan