



City of Southgate  
**Downtown Development Authority Meeting**  
April 18, 2019

A meeting of the Downtown Development Authority was held on April 18, 2019 at City Hall, 14400 Dix-Toledo Highway, Southgate, Michigan in the Caucus Room.

**Present-** Mohamed Aborabboh, Brian Batko, Wally Kleit, Mayor Joseph Kuspa, Angela Lancina, Alex Leonard, Ron Moran

**Absent-** Bruce Genthe, Sarah Sieloff (all excused)

**Also Present-** DDA Director Stephanie McNees, City Council President John Graziani

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kuspa at 5:02 p.m.

**Reports:**

**1. Minutes – Meeting Minutes, March 21, 2019**

It was moved by Aborabboh, supported by Batko, to approve the meeting minutes of March 21, 2019.

Motion carried unanimously

**2. Heritage Days and Market in the Park Sponsorships**

McNees updated the Board on the new sponsorship packets for both Heritage Days and Market in the Park.

**3. Sponsorship of CASE Commission Easter Basket Raffle**

McNees updated the Board on how the CASE Commission's Easter Eggstravaganza went at Market Center Park on April 13, 2019. She informed the Board that the DDA will be sponsoring the CASE Commission's Easter Raffle Basket at the event in 2020 for \$100.

**New Business:**

**1. Informational Meeting Dates, per ACT 57**

The Board voted to host their two Informational Meetings on May 16<sup>th</sup> and September 19<sup>th</sup> this year, per the State's new ACT 57 legislation.

It was moved by Moran, supported by Batko, to approve May 16<sup>th</sup> and September 19<sup>th</sup> as Informational Meetings.

Motion carried unanimously

\*Kleit arrived at 5:11pm\*

**Old Business:**

**1. Banners for Pathway and Market Center Park**

McNees updated the Board on the progress of the new Banner Sponsorship Program. All sponsorships have been sold, and she presented the Board with the artwork from Anderson High School that will be displayed on the banners.

**2. District Appearance and Maintenance**

Chairman Kuspa asked the Board if there are any areas in the District that they feel need improvements. The Board discussed potential maintenance throughout the District, and McNees will follow up on these locations.

**Adjournment:**

Moved by Batko, support by Moran, that this meeting of the Downtown Development Authority be adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Mission Statement**

The Southgate Downtown Development Authority's mission is to strengthen the economic vitality of the District by creating an environment that promotes commerce, enhances aesthetics, explores mixed-use development and encourages stakeholder participation.

**SM.**

Stephanie McNees  
Recording Secretary  
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