

**Downtown Lansing Inc.**  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
September 8th, 2022

**Members Present:** A. Willis, K. Dorshimer, J. Estill, T. Benoit, J.V. Anderton, J. Tischler

**Members Absent:**

**Board Advisors Present:** Robert Doran-Brockway (Zoom)

**Board Advisors Absent:** Patricia Spitzley,

**Staff Present:** C. Edgerly, J. Reinhardt, W. Roberts

**Guests Present:**

**I. Call to Order:** A. Willis called the meeting to order at 11:30

**II. Citizen's Comments:** Cara (zoom), spoke regarding her correspondence with Cathleen

Cara proposed a resolution to the board.

Motion J. Tischler move proposal to executive committee support J.V. Anderton motion passed

**III. Correspondence:** None

**IV. Consent Agenda Approvals** Motion to approve

- Agenda for September 8, 2022
- Minutes from August 11, 2022
- Committee Reports
- Monthly Financials & Year-End - Jim Tischler

J.V. Anderton moved to approve Consent Agenda items, J. Estill supported. Motion passed

**V. Guest Speaker:** None

**VI. Old Town Updates:** Robert Doran-Brockway

Executive team development committee setup and budget review.

Upcoming Old Town events:

- Art feast
- 25+1
- Blues Feat
- Lansing Pride

**VII. Lake State Report:** absent

Fixing traffic circle and plant redesign to be active in all season's Cathleen reports communication is improving. Salt and snow plans setup.

## **VIII. Reports**

### **Director Report: C. Edgerly reported the following**

Art installations on traffic boxes downtown bring a new art seen downtown and is generating good media activity.

Events & Market Manager Ms. Jazmin Anderson

New Board Members: Tamera Carter will be appointed by Council September 12

Jennifer Hinze, our Old Town seat, will be meeting with Council Committees

September 29

Employee handbook is being drafted

RAP funding for Lansing 6.69million, Middle Village Eats 1million in RPA funding

Rutter will still move forward despite not receiving RAP funding.

Cherry Hill Neighborhood Association: The Cherry Hill Neighborhood Association lead representative met with me last week to discuss dissolving the Cherry Hill Neighborhood Association and being absorbed into DU.

### **President's Report- A. Willis:**

Evening of Excellence: On Wednesday, August 31, volunteers, business, and property owners, along with various community partners came together to celebrate the Evening of Excellence, DU's annual meeting and volunteer celebration event. Congrats to this year's winners! Thanks to the planning team volunteers who put this event together, to Impression 5 who donated the space, set-up and tear-down costs for the event, Lake Trust, Neva lee's and Capital Hippie for their sponsorship!

Free Parking Fridays will continue

## **IX. Action/Discussion Items**

### **a. DEI Consultant Update**

Executive team will conduct interviews.

### **b. Homelessness Downtown**

**Stakeholder meeting to discuss options to help with panhandling crisis.**

- 1. Seating changes**
- 2. New Signage for donations**
- 3. Emergency funding from city for engagement**
- 4. Letter supporting a CPO be signed**
- 5. Ambassadors to help with a presence on the street**

### **Discussion**

**The board discussed what DLIs roll should be.**

**J. Tischler propose Lansing have its own continuum of care network and that DLI board should sign a letter of support and DLI be involved with that solution by working with stakeholders to decide what the solution looks like.**

**c. Updated Budget**

1. 8x normal budget
2. New Grant requires budget adjustment.

J.V. Anderton inquired about assessment income based on updated rolls. This is a work in progress J. Tischler believes the number may be different. The system is not well understood. Assessment income in the budget is conservative.

**d. ARPA OTCA Sub-Grant Agreement**

Discussion:

1. Eligible use of funds.
2. Spoke with mayor one time use funds nonprofits have more flexibility.
3. OTC will review before response.
4. DLI is waiting for grant agreement with the city.

J. Tischler moved to table J. Estill support Passed

**X. Other New Business:**

**Discussion around issues and concerns regarding Ovation**

**XI. Adjourn:** A. Willis move to adjourn at 12:56 p.m. Jen second. Meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.