



MEETING OF THE WESTLAND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
City of Westland
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 31, 2022

Members Present: Kelly, Cabildo, Freese, Murray, Grosseohme, Wild, Scott,

Members Excused: Rea, Saab

Also Present: Aubrey Berman, Director of Economic Development
 Jean Brand, Economic Development Administration
 Sheila Larimore, Economic Development Administration
 Michael Londeau, Council President Pro-Tem
 James Godbout, Council Member
 Kyle Mulligan, Parks and Recreation Director
 Dan Block, Budget Director

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m.

A motion was made by Cabildo and supported Murray to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on February 24, 2022.

Scott and Wild abstained.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Freese and supported by Murray to approve the payments of the vouchers in the amount of \$150,738.08

Barr Engineering Co.	\$978.50
Bryan L OAmann PLLC	\$5,000.00
CoStar Realty	\$484.42
Integra Realty Resources	\$21,500.00
First National Bank	\$145.00
First National Bank	\$62.50
First National Bank	\$82.50
First National Bank	\$82.50
First National Bank	\$82.50
First National Bank	\$397.50
Funfest Productions Inc	\$5,000.00
Bank of New York Mellon	\$500.00
Rain Drop Products LLC	\$116,422.66

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Scott and supported by Grosseohme for approval of DPI Graphic's H2O Zone proposal in the amount of not to exceed \$55,000.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Cabildo and supported by Scott to approve funding for the Mission to Mars play structure project in the amount of not to exceed \$3,000.000.00 over a 3 year period.

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Scott and supported by Freese to approve the revised DDA 2022-2023 budget.

Motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Murray and supported by Cabildo for approval of the proposal from Alexander Zonjic for artistic director services for the Summer concert series in the amount of not to exceed \$50,000.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Freese and supported by Murray to approve the proposal from Seaway Painting, LLC in the amount of not to exceed \$16,000.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Murray and supported by Cabildo to approve the façade improvement grant for McDonalds, located at 38418 Ford Rd, in the amount of not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Training Discussion: None

Director Comments: Berman informed the board that the department is launching a commercial area revitalization strategy which will begin its focus on Ford Rd. She also indicated she would be presenting a revised façade improvement policy at the next meeting.

Citizen Comments: Londeau requested a timeline for the Mission to Mars project.

Godbout stated the blight ordinance is being rewritten to address blight concerns.

Board Members Comments:

Mayor Wild suggested the DDA committee identify five (5) blighted commercial properties and explore resolution.

Kelly suggested inviting Terry Packer to a meeting to discuss sponsorship packages.

A motion was made by Freese and supported by Murray to adjourn at 9:11 a.m.

Motion carried unanimously.