

**Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority
Annual Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 1, 2009 1:20 p.m.**

Place: DDA Office, 150 S. Fifth Avenue, Suite 301, Ann Arbor, 48104
Time: DDA Chair Jennifer Hall called the meeting to order at 1:25pm.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Gary Boren, Russ Collins, Rene Greff, Leah Gunn, Jennifer Hall, Roger Hewitt, Leigh Greden (for John Hieftje), Keith Orr, Sandi Smith, John Splitt

Absent: Joan Lowenstein, John Mouat

Staff Present: Susan Pollay, Executive Director
Joan Lyke, Management Assistant
Amber Miller, Intern

Audience: Dave Askins, Ann Arbor Chronicle
Noah Birmelin, Beckett & Raeder
Andrew Cluley, 89.1 WEMU
Ray Detter, Downtown Area Citizens Advisory Council
Judy Foy, Self
Dave Gershman, Ann Arbor News
Adrian Iraola, Park Avenue Consultants, Inc.
Heidi Kaplan, Ann Arbor Chamber of Commerce
Tony Lupo, Salon Vox
Mark Lyons, Republic Parking
Chad Nieuhuis, Spence Brothers
Oscar Notz, Turner Construction
Nancy Shore, getDowntown
Christy Summers, Beckett & Reader
Edward Vielmetti, annarbor.com

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Treasurer: Ms. Hall asked for nominations from the floor for the position of Treasurer.

Mr. Hewitt was nominated by Ms. Gunn and seconded by Mr. Splitt
Ms. Smith was nominated by Ms. Greff and seconded by Mr. Orr

Aye votes for Ms. Smith as Treasurer showed: Boren, Greff, Hall, Orr, Smith
Aye votes for Mr. Hewitt as Treasurer showed: Collins, Gunn, Hewitt, Greden (for Hieftje), Splitt,
Ms. Hall declared a tie vote and a second voice vote was called.

Aye votes for Ms. Smith as Treasurer showed: Boren, Collins, Greff, Hall, Orr, Smith
Aye votes for Mr. Hewitt as Treasurer showed: Gunn, Hewitt, Greden (for Hieftje), Splitt,
Ms. Hall stated neither candidate received the required 7 votes; and a third vote was called.

Aye votes for Ms. Smith as Treasurer showed: Boren, Collins, Greff, Hall, Orr, Smith
Aye votes for Mr. Hewitt as Treasurer showed: Gunn, Hewitt, Greden (for Hieftje), Splitt,

Ms. Hall declared that neither candidate received the required 7 votes. Ms. Hall said the position of Treasurer would be reconsidered later in the agenda.

Secretary: Ms. Hall asked for nominations from the floor for the position of Secretary.

Mr. Orr was nominated by Ms. Smith and seconded by Ms. Gunn.
There were no other nominations from the floor for Secretary.

Aye votes for Mr. Orr as Secretary showed: Boren, Collins, Greden (for Hieftje) Greff, Gunn, Hall, Hewitt, Orr, Smith, Splitt

Absent: Lowenstein, Mouat

Ms. Hall declared Mr. Orr Secretary of the Board with 10 votes.

Vice-Chair: Ms. Hall asked for nominations from the floor for the position of Vice-Chair.

Ms. Lowenstein was nominated by Mr. Splitt and seconded by Mr. Hewitt.
There were no other nominations from the floor for Vice-Chair.

Aye votes for Ms. Lowenstein as Secretary showed: Boren, Collins, Greden (for Hieftje) Greff, Gunn, Hall, Hewitt, Orr, Smith, Splitt

Absent: Lowenstein, Mouat

Ms. Hall declared Ms. Lowenstein Vice-Chair of the Board with 10 votes.

Chair: Ms. Hall asked for nominations from the floor for the position of Chair.

Mr. Splitt was nominated by Ms. Gunn and seconded by Mr. Hewitt.
Mr. Boren was nominated by Mr. Orr and seconded by Ms. Greff.

Aye votes for Mr. Splitt as Chair showed: Collins, Gunn, Hewitt, Greden (for Hieftje), Smith, Splitt

Aye votes for Mr. Boren as Chair showed: Boren, Greff, Hall, Orr

Ms. Hall stated neither candidate received the required 7 votes; and a second vote was called.

Aye votes for Mr. Splitt as Chair showed: Collins, Gunn, Hewitt, Greden (for Hieftje), Smith, Splitt

Aye votes for Mr. Boren as Chair showed: Boren, Greff, Hall, Orr

Ms. Hall stated neither candidate received the required 7 votes; and a third vote was called.

Aye votes for Mr. Splitt as Chair showed: Collins, Gunn, Hewitt, Greden (for Hieftje), Orr, Smith, Splitt

Aye votes for Mr. Boren as Chair showed: Boren, Greff, Hall

Ms. Hall declared Mr. Splitt Chair of the Board with 7 votes. Ms. Greff said that she didn't believe that the vote carried because neither the DDA bylaws nor the State DDA statute provide for the Mayor sending a proxy, thus the 7 vote minimum required under DDA bylaws was not met. Mr. Greden said that he was acting Mayor at this meeting as determined by a Council-approved Mayoral succession plan. Ms. Greff reaffirmed that she did not believe that provisions for proxy votes were in place under DDA statute or bylaws, thus the 7 vote affirmative minimum was not reached.

Ms. Pollay was asked if the DDA bylaws addressed this question; Ms. Pollay said that they did not. It was recommended that the DDA's Annual Meeting be continued at the DDA's next regularly scheduled meeting in September when the position of Treasurer and Chair could be voted on again.

Ms. Gunn moved and Mr. Hewitt seconded extending the 2009 DDA Annual Meeting until September where the vote for board officers could be continued.

A vote on the motion showed:

AYES: Boren, Collins, Greff, Greden, Gunn, Hall, Hewitt, Orr, Smith, Splitt

NAYS: None

Absent: Lowenstein, Mouat

The motion carried.

3. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Ms. Hall reviewed the list of Committee Assignments for 2009/10, and asked DDA members to contact the office if they wanted to be added or withdrawn from a committee.

Operations Committee, Roger Hewitt, Chair

Rene Greff, Leah Gunn, Jennifer Hall, Roger Hewitt, Sandi Smith, John Splitt

Capital Improvement Committee, John Splitt, Chair

Rene Greff, Leah Gunn, Jennifer Hall, Roger Hewitt, Joan Lowenstein, John Mouat, Sandi Smith, John Splitt

Partnership Committee, Sandi Smith and Russ Collins, Co-Chairs

Gary Boren, Russ Collins, Rene Greff, Leah Gunn, Jennifer Hall, Joan Lowenstein, John Mouat, Sandi Smith, John Splitt

Also: Leigh Greden, Margie Teall, Bonnie Bona

Transportation Committee, John Mouat, Chair

Gary Boren, Rene Greff, Jennifer Hall, Roger Hewitt, John Hieftje, Joan Lowenstein, John Mouat, Keith Orr, Sandi Smith

Executive Committee:

DDA officers and past-previous DDA Chair

3. STAFF THANK YOU

Ms. Pollay said that she and all the DDA staff wanted to extend their thanks to the Board Members for their dedication and hard work in 2008/9.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The 2009 Annual Meeting was adjourned at 1:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Pollay, Executive Director