

City of Southgate  
**Downtown Development Authority**  
Regular Meeting  
March 16th, 2023

A regular meeting of the Downtown Development Authority was held on March 16, 2023, at City Hall, 14440 Dix-Toledo Highway, Southgate, MI in the Mayor's Office

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mohammad Aborabboh, Greg Kowalsky, Joseph Kuspa, Alex Leonard, Ron Moran, Bruce Genthe, Lauren Moser

**MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED:** Brain Batko, Wally Kleit

**STAFF:** City Administrator Dan Marsh, Finance Director Doug Drysdale

**GUESTS:** Zoey Kuspa (City Council Liaison)

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kuspa at 5:03 PM

Reports:

a) **Minutes** – September 29, 2022 Regular Meeting

*It was moved by Moran, supported by Kowalsky, to approve the meeting minutes of September 29, 2022 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

New Business:

a) **2023-24 Fiscal Year Budget**

Doug Drysdale presented the board with the proposed 2023-24 budget.

*It was moved by Genthe, supported by Moser, to approve the proposed 2023-24 fiscal year budget. Motion carried unanimously.*

b) **Meeting Time**

Kaylee Mondrella proposed a change to lunch time meetings, to be held from Noon – 1:00pm.

*It was moved by Aborabboh supported by Moser to move the monthly meeting time to Noon – 1:00pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. Motion carried unanimously.*

c) **Destination Downriver**

Destination Downriver is a destination marketing organization working to change the narrative about Downriver. The coalition performs marketing and promotions that individual municipalities would not be equipped to fund or perform on their own. They work to tell the unique stories through a collective voice. Membership dues for a year are \$5,000. The Southgate DDA is proposing a split in dues with the City of Southgate. The payment responsibilities would be \$3,000 for the Southgate DDA and \$2,000 for the City of Southgate.

*It was moved by Moran supported by Kowalsky to approve the dues payment of \$3,000 to Destination Downriver from the Southgate DDA with the understanding that The City of Southgate will pay the remaining \$2,000.*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*It was moved by Kowalsky supported by Genthe to adjourn the meeting at 6:09pm. Motion carried unanimously*