

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 1, 2022; 7:00 pm**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Grosse Pointe Park Downtown Development Authority (“DDA”) was called to order by Director Sizeland.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Board Members Assaf, Farhat, Horne, Ochab, Richner, Turnbull, and Wixson; and Mayor Hodges.

Also Present: Nick Sizeland, DDA Director/City Manager; Erica Shell, City Attorney; and Courtney Delmege, Deputy Clerk.

Excused: Board Members Corbin and Kilgus.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS**

Director Sizeland stated that three written comments were received.

There were no verbal public comments.

**ADOPTION OF DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> MEETING MINUTES**

Director Sizeland presented the minutes from the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting for approval.

Motion by Board Member Wixson, support by Board Member Richner, to approve the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.

AYES: Board Members Assaf, Farhat, Horne, Ochab, Richner, Turnbull, and Wixson; and Mayor Hodges.

NAYS: None

**SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Motion by Board Member Turnbull, supported by Mayor Hodges to nominate Board Member Wixson for Chairman of the Board.

AYES: Board Members Assaf, Farhat, Horne, Ochab, Richner, Turnbull, and Wixson; and Mayor Hodges.

NAYS: None

Motion by Board Member Turnbull, supported by Mayor Hodges to nominate Board Member Richner for Vice Chair of the Board.

AYES: Board Members Assaf, Farhat, Horne, Ochab, Richner, Turnbull, and Wixson; and Mayor Hodges.

NAYS: None

### **BUDGET PREPARATION**

Director Sizeland stated the current fiscal year DDA budget closes on June 31<sup>st</sup> and the new fiscal year budget for 2022-23 will take effect July 1<sup>st</sup>. In order to consider priorities for the budget to be presented to the DDA Board, a priority list will be sent out for consideration. Items are to be rated in high, medium or low priority. There will also be an area for items that are not listed for consideration to develop a draft budget for Board review. Priority List to be provided soon to board members.

### **RAIN GARDEN CONCEPT CITY HALL**

Director Sizeland presented a rain garden concept for City Hall. Rain gardens are a type of water capture feature in landscaping that helps slow and absorb runoff from storms. Rain gardens, as well as other bioretention systems, capture rainwater before it can flood property or flow into a storm drain. Rain gardens recreate the natural function of the land, which includes; capturing rainwater, filtering out pollutants, and recharging groundwater. They can be constructed as simply as digging a shallow depression and filling it with native plants and soil amended with sand. Currently the front of city hall has downspouts that run onto the brick and concrete surface that creates a potential safety hazard and several of the trees have incurred a disease called pear trellis rust. City Forester Brian Colter discussed the concept to the Beautification Commission to garner support and work with contacts at Keep Michigan Beautiful.

### **NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

No new or old business was presented.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Director Sizeland stated that no written comments were received.

One verbal public comment was made.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Chairman Wixson, supported by Vice Chair Richner, to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: Board Members Assaf, Corbin, Farhat, Horne, and Ochab; Vice Chair Richner; Chairman Wixson; and Mayor Hodges.

NAYS: None

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.