



MEETING MINUTES

March 24, 2026 – 3:30 p.m.

Saginaw Community Foundation, 2nd Floor

1 Tuscola St. Saginaw, MI 48607

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I. **Call to Order** – Chair Basil called the meeting to order at 3:30pm

II. **Roll Call** – Rachel Morneau took roll.

Members Present: Tom Basil, Amy Spadafore, David Brown, Tim Morales, Darrick Huff, Mason Sarosi, Herb Spence, Eric Tankersley, Denny Whalen, John Markey, Mark Fischer, Adam Tompa, and DDA Student Representative Eric Tankersley II

Staff Present: Steve Hensley, Brady Duke, Grace Smith, and Rachel Morneau

III. **Approval of Minutes** – Tuesday, January 27, 2026 & Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Motion by Board Member Tankersley, supported by Board Member Morales, to approve the Tuesday, January 27, 2026 & Tuesday, February 24, 2026, meeting minutes. Motion approved.

IV. **Public Arts Grant**

The Board approved awarding \$3,750 in Public Arts grants to the Cyber Knight Mural Project and the Hamilton Alleyway project, contingent upon execution of MOUs. Any declined funds will be redistributed among approved projects. Motion by Board Member Spadafore, supported by Board Member Markey, to approve the Public Arts Grant committee recommendation. Motion approved.

V. **Special Events Sponsorship**

The Board approved a \$2,000 sponsorship to the Old Town Saginaw Association for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Motion by Board Member Spence, supported by Board Member Huff. Motion approved.

VI. **DDA Projects/Prospects Report**

Staff provided updates on façade grants, business development activity, and Match on Main prospects.

VII. **DDA Budget Update FY 26-27**

A preliminary budget update was presented, noting a projected increase pending final valuation figures. Discussion included continued support for grant programs and funding flexibility for

development opportunities. Streetscape improvements, including phased installation of planter boxes, were also discussed.

VIII. Downtown Banners

A potential banner program recognizing the U.S. 250th anniversary was introduced. No DDA action was taken.

IX. Next Meeting

Tuesday, April 28th, 2026, at 3:30pm

X. Adjournment

Motion by Board Member Spadafore, supported by Board Member Huff, to adjourn the meeting at 4:24pm. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Morneau
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Saginaw Future Inc.