



## MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 3:30 p.m.  
Saginaw Community Foundation, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
1 Tuscola St. Saginaw, MI 48607 | 989-754-8222

A motion was made by Board Member Fischer, supported by Board Member Huff, to accept the nomination of Board Member Spadafore as temporary Chairperson for the DDA meeting. Motion approved.

- I. **Call to Order** – Temporary Chair Spadafore called the meeting to order at 3:44pm
- II. **Roll Call** – Rachel Morneau took roll.  
**Members Present:** Todd Gregory, Tim Morales, Darrick Huff, Mason Sarosi, Eric Tankersley, Amy Spadafore, Denny Whalen, Mark Fischer and DDA Student Representative Eric Tankersley II  
**Staff Present:** Steve Hensley, Brady Duke, Grace Smith, Rachel Morneau
- III. **Approval of Minutes – Tuesday, November 25, 2025**  
Motion by Board Member Tankersley, supported by Board Member Morales, to approve the November 25, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion approved.
- IV. **Public Hearings for Brownfield Interlocal Agreement of 409 W. Genesee Ave.**  
The Temporary Chair opened the public hearing on the interlocal agreement regarding 409 W. Genesee Ave. at 3:47pm, inviting public comments. Seeing no public comment, the public hearing closed at 3:47pm.
- V. **Resolutions**  
Motion by Board Member Sarosi, supported by Board Member Morales, to approve the 409 W. Genesee Ave. Brownfield Interlocal Agreement. Board Member Tankersley abstained.  
7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.
- VI. **Special Events**  
Staff Morneau provided a copy of the Special Event sponsorship applications and the Special Event Committee’s recommendations. Staff Hensley provided an overview of the recommendations to the board. Motion by Board Member Huff, supported by Board Member Sarosi, to approve the Special Event committee’s recommendations of awarding the Positive Results Downtown Saginaw, Outhouse Races event \$500 and the Historical Society of Saginaw County, Jazz on Jefferson event \$1,000 dollars. Motion approved.

**VII. Match on Main**

Staff member Duke provided a brief update on the Match on Main grant, which awards \$25,000 with a 10% match requirement. The program is designed to incentivize the activation of dormant spaces, and its competitive nature underscores the importance of having a strong application ready for submission. Saginaw has received three of these grants in the past. The Savoy project, the most current awardee, which involves renovating the second-floor bar area, is currently underway. Board Member Tankersley encouraged the DDA to always have a project ready for submission to ensure ongoing consideration for the program. The board and staff agreed.

**VIII. DDA Projects/Prospects Report**

Hensley provided a brief update regarding the Mason Building project, noting the leadership of Cassi Zimmerman, City Director of Building, Planning, & Economic Development. Zimmerman highlighted the importance of the \$35,000 MEDC grant, which supports pre-development work including building scans and structural analysis. Four developers have expressed interest, with a submission deadline of March 15.

**IX. Announcements/Miscellaneous**

Hensley informed the board that Vice Chair Mike Hanley has officially resigned from the DDA board. The board expressed appreciation for his contributions, dedication, and service. A motion was made by Board Member Morales, supported by Board Member Huff, to appoint Board Member Spadafore as DDA Vice Chair. Motion approved.

Board Member Spadafore, serving as temporary chair, stepped aside to make a motion, supported by Board Member Morales, to appoint Board Member Huff to the Special Event Committee. Motion approved.

Board Member Spadafore, serving as temporary chair, stepped aside to make a motion, supported by Board Member Morales, to appoint Board Member Fischer to the Façade Committee. Motion approved.

Board Member Morales noted the well-attended City Strategic Planning meeting on Friday, January 23, highlighting the Medical Diamond presentations. The city recorded the presentations, and a link will be shared once available.

**X. Next Meeting**

Tuesday, February 24, 2026- 3:30pm | Saginaw Community Foundation, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**XI. Adjournment**

Motion by Board Member Morales, supported by Board Member Huff, to adjourn the meeting at 4:28pm. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Morneau  
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Saginaw Future Inc.