



MEETING MINUTES

April 28, 2026 – 3:30 p.m.

Saginaw future Inc., 3rd Floor

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I. **Call to Order** – Chair Basil called the meeting to order at 3:34pm

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

Members Present: Tom Basil, Amy Spadafore, Tim Morales, Darrick Huff, John Markey, Herb Spence, Eric Tankersley, Denny Whalen, Todd Gregory, and Mark Fischer.

Staff Present: Steve Hensley and Rachel Morneau

III. **Approval of Minutes** – Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Motion by Board Member Markey, supported by Board Member Huff, to approve the Tuesday, March 24, 2026, meeting minutes. Motion approved.

IV. **DDA Facade Grant Committee**

Motion made by Member Huff, supported by Member Spadafore to approve the Facade grant committee's recommendation, awarding the full requested amount of \$3,662.50 to Fifth Avenue Limited Partnerships, 115 N. Hamilton St. project. Motion approved.

Motion made by Member Gregory, supported by Member Spadafore, for Board to exercise its discretion and to defer the Foods LLC, 1122 E. Genesee Ave. Facade Grant application to the Facade Committee for review prior to final board consideration. Committee to meet and provide a recommendation at the next DDA board meeting. Motion approved.

V. **Special Events Sponsorship**

Motion made by Member Tankersley, supported by Member Spence, to approve the Special Event committee's recommendation, awarding the full requested amount of \$2,000 to Union Civica Mexicana, Cultural Celebration event, and \$2,000 to the Positive Results Downtown Saginaw, Memorial Day Parade. Motion carried.

VI. **DDA Match on Main**

Staff Hensley provided a brief update regarding the Match on Main grant program. Two local applications were received, Court Stret Antiques relocating into Old Mission Church on Michigan Ave., and The Brunch Guy, expanding into the old Commercial National Bank building next door to their recently opened restaurant. Applications were scored individually by DDA staff and

compared side-by-side. The Brunch Guy was the more competitive project largely based on place making strategy, walkability within the district, and job creation. Grant award announcements from the MEDC are expected in July 2026.

VII. DDA Projects/Prospects Report

Hensley provided updates on façade grants, business development activity, and the Match on Main prospect.

VIII. DDA Budget Update FY 26-27

Hensley provided the draft DDA budget for FY 26-27 that was provided to City Council, for DDA Board approval. Hensley and Member Morales reminded the board that once this budget is approved by City Council, the DDA board is welcome to make changes to line items if desired.

Increased budgets were made to the Public Arts Grant Program, Streetscape Improvements, Facade Grant Program and Special Event Sponsorships line items. There was discussion to increase the Police Patrol line item by at least \$4,000 or more and a general collective sense of support.

Motion by Member Spadafore, supported by Member Tankersley, to approve the draft DDA Budget for FY 26-27 as provided. Motion carried.

IX. Announcements and Miscellaneous

Motion by Member Markey, supported by Member Morales, to cancel and re-schedule the May 26, 2026, DDA Board Meeting to Tuesday, May 19, 2026. Motion carried.

X. Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

XI. Adjournment

Motion by Member Markey, supported by Member Huff, to adjourn the meeting at 4:21pm. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Morneau
Executive Assistant and Operations Coordinator
Saginaw Future Inc.