

**CALUMET VILLAGE DDA MEETING AGENDA  
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2025, 9:00 AM  
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL, 340 SIXTH STREET**

- I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Petitions from the Public (*members of the public have 5 minutes to speak*)
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Review and approve meeting minutes of July 14, 2025 Meeting
- V. Unfinished / Revolving Business
  1. Updates from Village Council, Historic District Commission, Planning Commission
  2. Main Street Calumet Update
  3. District Updates
    - i. DDA Properties
    - ii. District property sales / transitions
  4. Project Updates
    - i. Greenspace
      1. Furniture
      2. Barsotti Lot
      3. Name
    - ii. Bike Racks for Downtown
    - iii. Agassiz Park Pavilion Bathroom
    - iv. Wayfinding Project
    - v. Highway Signage
- VI. New Business
  1. Calumet Sesquicentennial Sponsorship
  2. Crosswalk/Downtown Art
  3. Buildings / Business Inventory Downtown

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4. Signage from 5<sup>th</sup> Street to 6<sup>th</sup> Street
5. Parking Study
6. DDA Board Member Appointments
  - i. Nikki L'Esperance (term ends Aug 2025)
  - ii. Pete Hahn At-Large seat (term ends Aug 2025)
7. DDA Officer Appointments (Aug 2025 – Aug 2026)
  - i. Current Chair: Nikki L'Esperance
  - ii. Current Vice Chair: Andrew Ranville
  - iii. Current Treasurer: JW Miller
  - iv. Current Secretary: Rick Campioni
8. Approval of DDA Bills/Transaction Report
- VII. Comments from the Public (*members of the public have 5 minutes to speak*)
- VIII. Adjourn

**CALUMET VILLAGE DDA MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT  
MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025, 9:00 AM  
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**Present:** Chair Nikki L'Esperance; Members Pete Hahn, Nathan McParlan, JW Miller *\*arrived 9:18am,*  
Lorri Oikarinen, Andrew Ranville, Jason Wickstrom *\*arrived 9:08am*

**Absent:** Members Rick Campioni & Rob Tarvis

**Also present from the village:** Manager Megan Haselden; CEDAM Fellow Joey Foster

**Present from the public:** Courtney Tucker

I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance

L'Esperance called the meeting to order at 9:05am with roll call and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Petitions from the Public *(members of the public have 5 minutes to speak)*

None

III. Approval of Agenda

McParlan moved, seconded by Hahn, to approve the agenda.

**Motion Carried 5/0**

IV. Review and approve meeting minutes of June 16, 2025 Meeting

McParlan moved, seconded by Oikarinen, to approve the minutes as presented.

**Motion Carried 5/0**

V. Unfinished / Revolving Business

1. Updates from Village Council, Historic District Commission, Planning Commission

Haselden provided updates from the Village Council and boards.

*\*Wickstrom arrived at 9:08am*

2. Main Street Calumet Update

i. Update on joint meeting with Council/MSD/DDA

Haselden provided updates on the joint meeting, including the potential for a partial merger with the MSD board to start work to become affiliated with the MI Main Street program.

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DDA to consider board needs and develop an opinion on how the board would like to move forward.

3. District Updates

i. DDA Properties

512 Portland structural issue was looked at and taken care of by KEDA, who is currently working on proposals for the property.

ii. District property sales / transitions

No updates.

4. Furniture for Greenspace

Should be on track for the end of July.

5. Bike Racks for Downtown

Miller and Oikarinen provided information for adding bike racks to the district. Discussion on a potential grant, due immediately from Copper Shores to cover half of the cost. Because we would not hear back on that grant application or necessarily be awarded, Ranville moved, seconded by Wickstrom, to approve spending up to \$2,700 on bike racks for the district.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Hahn, L'Esperance, McParlan, Miller, Oikarinen, Ranville, Wickstrom

Nays: None

Absent: Campioni, Tarvis

**Motion Carried 7/0**

*\*McParlan left the meeting at 9:51am*

6. DDA Bylaws

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Discussion on DDA bylaws, needed for the RRC Certification process. Ranville moved, seconded by Wickstrom, to accept the bylaws with the amendment of items: 5. add “The DDA Administrator performs the duties of the Secretary and Treasurer”. 6.b. change “shall meet the second Monday of each month at 9am” to “shall meet monthly at a regular posted meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act”; also remove the agenda layout from item 6. C.

**Motion Carried 8/0**

7. Wayfinding

Review of the wayfinding project, a possible collaboration project with the Village of Laurium and Calumet Township to develop a wayfinding plan. Keweenaw National Historical Park has set aside \$15,000 for the project. The total estimated cost is \$45,000. Wickstrom moved, seconded by Ranville, to approve spending up to \$10,000 for the wayfinding project and to have the DDA Administrator reach out to the Township and Laurium to see if they will do the same.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Hahn, L’Esperance, Miller, Oikarinen, Ranville, Wickstrom

Nays: None

Absent: Campioni, McParlan, Tarvis

**Motion Carried 6/0**

VI. New Business

1. Ruppe Building Development Agreement / Acquisition

Haselden updated that no significant funding has been secured for the Ruppe Building and asks the board to consider taking title of the property, as provided in the development agreement.

2. Acquisition of Parcel 041-109-009-10 and Parcel 041-109-008-00 (100 block of 6<sup>th</sup> Street vacant lots) for a total of \$8,500.

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Haselden updated that the property owner accepted the offer of \$8,500, which he later rescinded.

Tarvis to meet with the property owner to discuss. Hahn moved, approved by Ranville, to approve spending up to \$8,500 to acquire the property, should the property owner choose to sell.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Hahn, L'Esperance, Miller, Oikarinen, Ranville, Wickstrom

Nays: None

Absent: Campioni, McParlan, Tarvis

**Motion Carried 6/0**

3. Farmers Market Representative

Leah Polzien has stepped down as the Farmers Market Representative and From the Ground Farmers Market Collective has requested that we appoint a new member. Hahn moved, seconded by Oikarinen, to appoint Ranville as the new representative.

**Motion Carried 6/0**

4. Right of Way Permit / Policy

Discussion of issues on 5<sup>th</sup> Street sidewalk/right of way and the need to adopt a policy.

5. Sponsorship to Pasty Fest

Discussion on potential sponsorship to Pasty Fest, with no motion offered.

6. Approval of DDA Bills/Transaction Report

Hahn moved, seconded by Ranville, to approve the bills/transaction report.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Hahn, L'Esperance, Miller, Oikarinen, Ranville, Wickstrom

Nays: None

Absent: Campioni, McParlan, Tarvis

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**Motion Carried 6/0**

VII. Comments from the Public (*members of the public have 5 minutes to speak*)

None.

VIII. Adjourn

Hahn moved, seconded by Ranville, to adjourn the meeting at 10:56am.

**Motion Carried 6/0**

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Haselden, DDA Administrator



## **We're Still Working On It...**

Thanks for your patience!

We know the pavilion restrooms have been closed for some time, and we're sorry for the inconvenience.

This project is taking longer than expected because we weren't selected for several grants we applied for — so we're now self-funding the improvements with help from our Downtown Development Authority.

On top of that, we recently discovered the roof needs to be replaced, which added \$10,000–\$15,000 to the project cost.

We're doing our best to get this important community facility back open, but it may not be ready until next year.

If you'd like to support the project, donations are welcome! Just click the QR Code above!

Thank you for your understanding as we continue working to make Calumet a better place to live, work, and visit — especially during this special 150th anniversary year.

Village of Calumet – 906-337-1713 – [manager@villageofcalumet.com](mailto:manager@villageofcalumet.com)

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**Re: Wayfinding \$ from KNHP**

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**From** Village of Calumet Manager <manager@villageofcalumet.com>

**Date** Wed 7/16/2025 5:16 PM

**To** Leah Polzien <leah@mainstreetcalumet.com>; Andrew Ranville <ranvillevillagetrustee@gmail.com>

**Cc** Timothy Gasperich <caltwpsupervisor@gmail.com>; Village of Laurium Manager <manager@villageoflaurium.com>; Nikki L'Esperance <encompasstm@gmail.com>

Thanks for your thoughts, Leah. Just so everyone is aware, at the July DDA meeting, the Calumet Village DDA approved spending up to \$10,000 towards the project, with the hope that the other municipalities may also be able to match that contribution to get all three tasks outlined completed.

Please let me know how you guys want to move forward!

Megan Haselden, Village Manager  
Village of Calumet

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**From:** Leah Polzien <leah@mainstreetcalumet.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 16, 2025 11:28 AM

**To:** Andrew Ranville <ranvillevillagetrustee@gmail.com>

**Cc:** Village of Calumet Manager <manager@villageofcalumet.com>; Timothy Gasperich <caltwpsupervisor@gmail.com>; Village of Laurium Manager <manager@villageoflaurium.com>; Nikki L'Esperance <encompasstm@gmail.com>

**Subject:** Re: Wayfinding \$ from KNHP

Thanks Megan for trying to move this project forward. I believe everyone here is already aware but as I will be departing Main Street Calumet in September this project is going to outlive my tenure. While I cannot pledge Main Street Calumet funding towards this project I would strongly encourage the municipalities to not miss out on this opportunity.

Funding may become more and more difficult to come by and the need for joint wayfinding is never going to go away in our community. Planning will always be the first step of that process and the \$15 could get that public engagement and analysis out of the way. I have heard in multiple discussions in the past year, desire for various wayfinding signage, be it recognition of Big Annie, ATV trail signage for downtown or requests for a downtown "circle tour". Having public input would allow for voicing of various concerns and desires and allow creation of a plan that finds reasonable solutions to meet those needs. Having completed the input and a plan at least our administrators would have something to point to, to say "we've addressed this", here is our plan.

I implore you to move forward, leverage the funds KNHP is offering and execute whatever additional components you can, now or later.

Leah

On Mon, Jul 14, 2025 at 10:04 AM Andrew Ranville <[ranvillevillagetrustee@gmail.com](mailto:ranvillevillagetrustee@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Looking forward to moving forward on this! Have we had any further conversations with the firm that was identified?

On Thu, Jul 3, 2025 at 10:36 AM Village of Calumet Manager <[manager@villageofcalumet.com](mailto:manager@villageofcalumet.com)> wrote:

Good morning!

I am writing to see if we are all interested in moving forward with the wayfinding project proposed by KNHP. To recap:

- The park has set aside \$15K for a collaborative wayfinding plan between the villages & township
- We already discussed areas we want to direct people to and from
- Leah corresponded with a consultant downstate to get estimates for putting a plan together, the estimate came in ~ \$40-45K (*thank you, Leah!!!*)
- The plan would provide us with support for funding to get the signage actually made and would provide information for that bid process (but would not cover the cost designing/constructing/installation of the signs).
- The plan cost breakdown is:
  1. Task One, Analysis: \$11,500-\$12,500
  2. Task Two, System Design: \$20,500-\$21,500
  3. Task Three, Documentation: \$8,000-\$11,000
- Options are:
  1. Agree to engage and complete the plan, with each municipality needing to contribute ~ \$10K
  2. Agree to engage and complete the plan up to Task 1 or maybe part of Task 2 (I personally think this isn't a great option).
  3. Hold off on the plan and lose the \$15K granted by the park

**Ian / Tim:** can you let me know ASAP your thoughts and if you want to take to your board(s) to see if they are willing to move forward and contribute up to \$10K? If so, I think that we all agree to discuss with our boards in July and I can let Wendy know that we want to move forward (so we don't lose the \$15K) and that we are working to get approved funding for the full cost of the plan.

Thank you and Happy Independence Day!!

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Megan Haselden, Village Manager  
Village of Calumet  
340 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Calumet, MI 49913  
Office: (906) 337-1713  
Cell: (906) 299-4682

**HELP US CELEBRATE!**

**1875**



**2025**

# **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**HERITAGE FRIEND – \$150 – \$499**

Name in printed Sesquicentennial Program

**MINER'S CIRCLE SPONSOR – \$500 – \$1,499**

+ Facebook post highlighting your business

**RED JACKET PATRON – \$1,500 – \$4,999**

Logo in print advertising

1/4 page advertisement in Sesquicentennial Program

2 VIP Seats to Fashion Show & Film Screening

4 Tickets to Red Jacket Ball

**C&H LEGACY PARTNER - \$5,000+**

Logo on Sesquicentennial banner

1/2 page advertisement in Sesquicentennial Program

4 VIP Seats to Fashion Show & Film Screening

VIP Table at Red Jacket Ball

VILLAGE OF  
**CALUMET**

**150<sup>TH</sup>**

**ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION**

1875 ~ 2025

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

5:30 Cocktail Hour

7:00 Friends of Fashion presents  
a history of the Calumet  
Theatre

9:15 Film Screening of  
*Children of the Night*



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

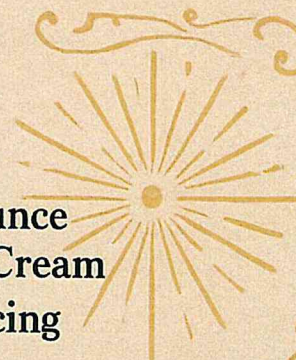
**3-11 PM BLOCK PARTY**

Closing block of 6th Street between  
historic Elm and Oak St.

Live Music · Food Trucks · Vendors · Bounce  
House · Kids Games · Free Jilbert's Ice Cream

Beer Tent · Beer Pong · Cornhole · Dancing

9PM Fireworks





## LISA GORDILLO STUDIO

### PROJECT PACK

Calumet Creativity Walks (Pilot Project)

August 10, 2025

#### BIO:

**Lisa Gordillo** is an artist, community designer, and educator based in Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula. She designs creative projects that bring communities together. Lisa draws on more than 25 years as a community artist, working with groups large and small. She has created over 100 projects in schools, city centers, churches, prisons, forests and nature preserves. Lisa is passionate about the communities of the Keweenaw and about the power of art to make positive change and to solve big problems in creative ways.



#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Design and creation of one Creativity Walk for downtown Calumet: one colorful crosswalk mural welcoming people to downtown and one community workshop/event to build excitement and to bring people into the project.

This is a pilot project. We'll use the project to create one space, see how people react (and how the project reacts to snow and winter). In spring we can discuss if the city would like to do more. Because this is a pilot, it is offered at a reduced rate.

INSPIRATION IMAGES:

*Keweenaw Wildflowers*

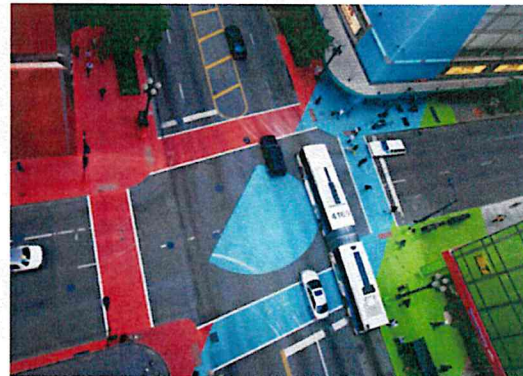


Clockwise from top left:

- Blue-bead Lily
- Canada Anemone
- Twinflower
- Northern Blue Flag Iris
- Final flower selection can be decided together

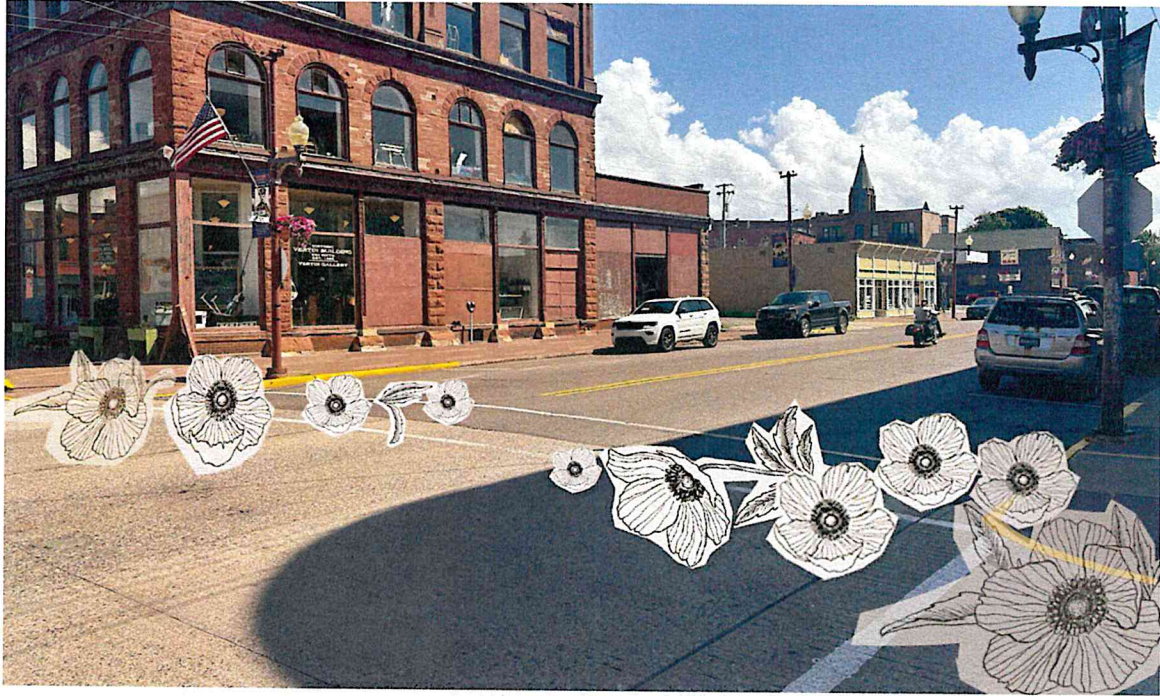
INSPIRATION IMAGES:

*Color Jam* (State and Adams Streets, Chicago) Artist: Jessica Stockholder, 2012



"Crosswalk Art Murals improve pedestrian safety and increase community engagement" <https://vivachedesigns.com/crosswalk-art>

## CONCEPT SKETCH:



## POSSIBLE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP IDEAS:

- Community paint day – community members work side-by-side with the artist for a 2 or 3-hour workshop
- Coloring packs for kids inspired by the mural/ kids' art printed and displayed on mini banners downtown
- Afterschool workshop for Calumet teens: Arts + Impact, Creative Problem Solving
- Reading and drawing workshop with the Calumet Storytelling Center
- Seed Swap/ Native Plant Info Session – plants inspired by the mural

## ESTIMATE:

DESIGN FEE: \$400 (optional)

- If additional design work is needed beyond this proposal
- A collection of images, a style board, and a sketch
- One set of revisions, if needed

PAINTING: \$900

- Approx. 180 square feet. Half will be painted (90 sq. ft)
- 90 x \$20/ sq. ft. = \$1800
- **Pilot discount of 50% = \$900**

MATERIALS: \$400

- Paints & supplies: highway paint (basecoat), artists' and exterior paints
- Cost may be adjusted if the proposed design is changed

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP: \$250-700 (optional)

- Depending on scope/ materials needed

ESTIMATED RANGE: \$1300 - 2400

## SUGGESTED TIMELINE:

- 1/2 day = surface prep
  - Wait 24 hours between surface prep and paint
- 2-3 days: design transfer, painting
- September-October 2025

# DDA BOARD as of August 2024

## MEMBERS (TERMS)

Rob Tarvis, Village President (Nov 2028)

Nikki L'Esperance, (Aug 2025)

Pete Hahn, At-Large (Aug 2025)

JW Miller, (Aug 2026)

Rick Campioni, (Aug 2026)

Lorri Oikarinen, (Aug 2026)

Nathan McParlan (Aug 2026)

Jason Wickstrom, At-Large (Aug 2027)

Andrew Ranville, Resident (Aug 2027)

## OFFICERS Aug 2024-Aug 2025

Nikki L'Esperance, Chairperson

Andrew Ranville, Vice Chair

JW Miller, Treasurer

Rick Campioni, Secretary

### **From Article VII, Ordinance No. 110:**

DDA Board consists of Village President + 8 members, appointed by President.

At least 5 members shall have interest in downtown district.

At least 1 member shall reside in the downtown district.

Terms are for 4 years.

Members shall take the oath of office.

Officers are elected by the board and have terms of 1 year.

Officers: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer

### **Not in Ordinance:**

Officers and terms end in August (with exception of Village President in November).

DDA Administrator including duties of Secretary and Treasurer is Village Staff.

**VILLAGE OF CALUMET DDA #07-716-3**  
**Transactions For July 2025**

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PAYMENT</u>	<u>DEPOSIT</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
		Balance Forward			\$ 51,907.65
2159	07/01/25	UPPCO	\$ 25.84		\$ 51,881.81
2160	07/21/25	Calumet Floral & Gifts	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 50,881.81
2161	07/21/25	Charter Township of Calumet	\$ 441.51		\$ 50,440.30
2162	07/21/25	Industrial Graphics	\$ 1,775.00		\$ 48,665.30
2163	07/21/25	Upper Michigan Water Company	\$ 147.36		\$ 48,517.94
2164	07/21/25	UPPCO	\$ 29.82		\$ 48,488.12
2165	07/21/25	A-1 Toilets	\$ 549.25		\$ 47,938.87
2166	7/21/25	Fire Tower Engineered Timber	\$ 131.25		\$ 47,807.62

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**Transactions For AUGUST 2025**

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		Balance Forward			\$ 47,807.62
2167	08/05/25	Superior Polymer Products - Ruppe	\$ 11,478.00		\$ 36,329.62
2168	08/05/25	UPPCO	\$ 30.65		\$ 32,298.97
	08/05/25	Trans From General Fund - July Tax		\$ 1,229.48	\$ 37,528.45
	08/06/25	Encompass Wellness Studio		\$ 300.00	\$ 37,828.45