

**CALUMET VILLAGE DDA MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025, 9:00 AM
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL, 340 SIXTH STREET**

Present: Chair Nikki L’Esperance; Members Rick Campioni, Nate McParlan, JW Miller, Lorri Oikarinen, Andrew Ranville, Rob Tarvis, Jason Wickstrom

Absent: Member Pete Hahn

Also present from the village: Manager Megan Haselden, Secretary Terra West, CEDAM Fellow Joey Foster

Present from the public: MSC Director Leah Polzien, Farmer’s Market Manager

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

L’Esperance called the meeting to order at 9:00am 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

Tarvis moved, seconded by Campioni to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried 8/0

IV. Review and approve meeting minutes of April 14, 2025 Meeting

Tarvis moved, seconded by Campioni to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion Carried 8/0

V. Unfinished / Revolving Business

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

Haselden and Tarvis provided updates.

2. Main Street Calumet Update

Polzien provided updates including the success of the recent Network Calumet; the Frozen Farms ribbon cutting ceremony on May 28 @ noon; Opening for the Gallery on 5th building June 21st 10am – 2pm; the Farmer’s Market opens June 14th; Updates on Pasty Fest. Polzien provided that she is resigning her role as MSC Director effective September 30th.

3. District Updates

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i. DDA Properties

Mihelich Slaughterhouse demolition has started. No other updates.

ii. District property sales / transitions (*none*)

4. U.S. 41 Billboard

The billboard design has been finalized and is going to print. Discussion on duplicating the billboard to smaller signs that can be placed around town.

5. Event Flyer: Spring/Summer 2025

L'Esperance shared the flyer that will be mailed to Village property owners.

6. Furniture for Greenspace

L'Esperance shared the quote for \$5,759.49 and photos of the furniture proposal for the Greenspace.

Tarvis moved, seconded by Wickstrom to approve the quote.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Campioni, L'Esperance, Miller, McParlan, Oikarinen, Ranville, Tarvis and Wickstrom

Nays: None

Absent: Hahn

Motion Carried 8/0

VI. New Business

1. Hermann Flats Building / Possible Acquisition of Parcel

Discussion interest for the DDA to acquire the parcel just North of the Hermann Flats building; there is interest and Tarvis agreed to reach out to the current property owner, Tim Ryan.

2. MOU for Farmers Market

Polzien introduced Gabriela, the new Farmer's Market Manager who presented the MOU with the DDA.

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Tarvis moved, seconded by Ranville to approve the MOU with the Farmer’s Market and remit payment of the \$5,000.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Campioni, L’Esperance, Miller, McParlan, Oikarinen, Ranville, Tarvis and Wickstrom

Nays: None

Absent: Hahn

Motion Carried 8/0

3. Agassiz Park Public Restrooms

Haselden provided that the Destination Development Grant for the public restroom was not awarded and asked the DDA to move the \$5,000 allocated as a *Grant Match: Public* to the *Public Spaces and Improvements* line item.

Ranville moved, seconded by Wickstrom to approve moving the budget of \$5,000 towards the pavilion bathroom from the *Grant Match: Public* to the *Public Spaces and Improvements* line item and spending up to that amount for the restroom renovations.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Campioni, L’Esperance, Miller, McParlan, Oikarinen, Ranville, Tarvis and Wickstrom

Nays: None

Absent: Hahn

Motion Carried 8/0

4. Downtown Trash Cans

Haselden provided a proposal for a DDA investment of up to \$20,000 for all new trash cans through the downtown district. Discussion on the need for trash cans and how expensive municipal trash cans

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are. Tarvis recommended looking into more affordable options. No action – discussion tabled to June.

5. Bike Racks

L’Esperance reached out to Royale to get a quote on fabricating bike racks and an option to share costs with business owners. Oikarinen volunteered to gather bike rack options for the next meeting.

6. Approval of DDA Bills/Transaction Report

Tarvis moved, seconded by Campioni to approve the bills/transaction report.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Campioni, L’Esperance, Miller, McParlan, Oikarinen, Ranville, Tarvis and Wickstrom

Nays: None

Absent: Hahn

Motion Carried 8/0

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

None.

VIII. Adjourn

Ranville moved, seconded by Tarvis to adjourn the meeting at 10:21am.

Motion Carried 8/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Haselden, Village Manager