CALUMET VILLAGE DDA MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026, 9:00 AM
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL, 340 SIXTH STREET

DDA Board: Chair Nikki L'Esperance; Members Rick Campioni, Janet Johnston, Nathan McParlan, Lorri Oikarinen, Andrew Ranville, Rob Tarvis, Courtney Tucker, Jason Wickstrom; DDA Administrator Megan Haselden
Present: Chair Nikki L'Esperance *(departed at 9:52am);* Members Campioni, Johnston, McParlan, Ranville, Tarvis, Tucker; DDA Administrator Megan Haselden
Absent: Members Wickstrom, 1 Vacant Seat
Also Present from the village: Joey Foster
Present from the public: Jared Howard (MSC); Rachael Pressley and 2 representatives of From the Ground Farmers Market Collective; 1 visitor

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

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

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

A visitor whose relatives owned a saloon/bar at 325 5th Street, part of the new Greenspace park, is interested in getting a plaque or historical marker about the history of the place. He will follow up with Manager Haselden.

III. Approval of Agenda

Tarvis moved, supported by Campioni to approve the agenda with the change of adding V. 1. From the Ground Farmers Market Collective / market location.

Motion Carried 7/0

IV. Review and approve meeting minutes of August 10, 2026

Campioni moved, supported by Tarvis, to approve the minutes.

Motion Carried 7/0

V. Unfinished / Revolving Business

1. From the Ground Farmers Market Collective

Pressley provided results of a survey compiled this month from 5th Street business owners, market vendors and market visitors regarding the location for the Saturday Farmers Market. Based on those responses, the collective is asking support for moving the market onto the green in Agassiz Park, leaving

the parking lot open for parking. An official site plan and proposal will come to the Council this fall for approval.

McParlan moved, supported by Johnston, to support moving the market from the parking lot onto the green.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Campioni, Johnston, L'Esperance, McParlan, Ranville, Tarvis, Tucker

Nays: None

Absent: Wickstrom, 1 Vacant Seat

Motion Carried 7/0

2. Updates from Village Council, Historic District Commission, Planning Commission *(Tarvis/Haselden)*

   Tarvis provided updates from the Council including enforcement efforts on 319 5th Street, Haselden updated on Planning Commission including Master Plan update and potential Short-Term Rental Ordinance.

3. Main Street Calumet Update *(Howard)*

   Howard provided updates including the new Calumet Map which the village has copies of, the map can be updated annually as business change, etc. Thanks to the DPW for work during Pasty Fest, which saw growth from the prior year, with an estimated 5,000 visitors – MSC plans to contribute to the Pavilion renovation project with revenue share from Pasty Fest, Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 24th and they plan to request a closure of the 300 Block of 5th Street. There is a 5K Run scheduled in the Village, the Ray Tiberg 5K Run/Walk, scheduled for May 22, 2027. The mural project is complete and ready for installation.

   Ranville moved, supported by Tarvis, to place the murals in the 5th Street side of the Greenspace.

Motion Carried 7/0

L'Esperance left the meeting at 9:52am.

4. District Updates
    i. DDA Properties
    ii. District property sales / transitions *(Haselden)*
5. Project Updates
    i. District Security Camera Project

    Haselden provided updates on Q&A from the public and the vendor related to the project. Haselden shared that the potential MI Par Plan Grant is for projects that must be completed within 6 months after the award date and this project would be outside of that period; the grant may be applied for again during the Spring funding cycle. This project will be tabled until Spring 2027.

    ii. Ruppe Building

    There is a volunteer clean-up of the building scheduled by KEDA for September 25th.

    iii. Agassiz Park *(Haselden/L'Esperance)*
        1. Pavilion Roof – Review proposals and select contractor

        Discussion on the 3 proposals received – McParlan moved, supported by Johnston, to award the contract to Copper Country Carpentry LLC in the amount of $11,500.

        Roll Call Vote:

        Yeas: Campioni, Johnston, McParlan, Ranville, Tarvis, Tucker

        Nays: None

        Absent: L'Esperance, Wickstrom, 1 Vacant Seat

Motion Carried 6/0

6. DDA Plan Update

i. DDA Plan Committee *(L'Esperance, Tucker, Wickstrom)*

Haselden provided updates and requests all members to complete survey if they haven't already.

L'Esperance and Haselden to schedule public engagement session.

ii. Recreation Plan Committee (*L'Esperance, Howard, Haselden)*

Haselden provided the survey closes September 15th and requests board members to complete and share.

iii. Beautification Volunteer Group

Haselden updated that there is now a Calumet Beautification Group, which includes a few Master Gardeners – work is to be done in Greenspace, including replacing trees, relocating some flowers in the space and placing mulch. A volunteer work party is being scheduled for Saturday, September 19th and the first week of October.

VI. New Business

1. FY 2026 DDA TIF Report

Haselden reviewed the FY 2026 TIF Report, noting that the DDA TIF Revenue has grown to over $85,000 including over $30,000 from the County and Township.

2. Schedule DDA Annual Information Sessions

L'Esperance and Haselden to schedule and consider a portion for public engagement for the DDA Plan Update.

3. Approval of DDA Bills/Transaction Report

Tarvis moved, supported by McParlan, to approve the bills.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Campioni, Johnston, McParlan, Ranville, Tarvis, Tucker

Nays: None

Absent: L'Esperance, Wickstrom, 1 Vacant Seat

Motion Carried 6/0

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

VIII. Adjourn

Tarvis moved, supported by Tucker, to adjourn the meeting at 10:25am.

Motion Carried 6/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Haselden, DDA Administrator