

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF FLINT  
AGENDA**

Monthly Board of Directors Meeting  
July 23, 2025  
7:30 a.m.

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| A. | Call to Order                               | Mayor Neeley  |
| B. | Approval of Minutes: June 25, 2025          |               |
| C. | Opportunity for Public to Address the Board |               |
| D. | Personnel & Finance Committee Report        | Greg Viener   |
| E. | Marketing & Promotions Committee Report     | Casey Lester  |
| F. | Design Committee Report                     | John Gazall   |
| G. | Economic Development                        | Mayor Neeley  |
| H. | Operations Report                           | Brandy Curtis |
| I. | Correspondences                             | Brandy Curtis |
| J. | Adjournment                                 |               |

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 7:30 A.M.  
MEETING WILL BE IN PERSON AT 502 CHURCH STREET, FLINT, MI**

**City of Flint Downtown Development Authority**  
**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**July 27, 2025**  
**502 Church Street, Flint, Michigan**

| <b>Board Member</b>                                  | <b>Present</b> | <b>Absent</b> |
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| Mayor Sheldon Neeley, Chairperson                    | <b>X</b>       |               |
| Davina Donahue                                       |                | <b>X</b>      |
| Loyst Fletcher, Jr., Vice Chairperson                |                | <b>X</b>      |
| John Gazall, Design Chair                            | <b>X</b>       |               |
| Louis Hawkins, Secretary                             |                | <b>X</b>      |
| Casey Lester, Marketing & Promotions Chair           | <b>X</b>       |               |
| Robert Kittel                                        | <b>X</b>       |               |
| Montel Meniffee                                      | <b>X</b>       |               |
| Greg Viener, Treasurer and Personnel & Finance Chair | <b>X</b>       |               |
| Rodney Lontine                                       | <b>X</b>       |               |
| Mama Sol                                             | <b>X</b>       |               |
| Emily Doerr                                          | <b>X</b>       |               |

**Others Attending:** Brandy Curtis, Operations Director, City of Flint DDA; and, Sheri Sprygada, Taylor & Morgan.

A. Call to Order: Mayor Neeley, Chairperson, declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

B. Opportunity for Public to Address the Board: Joel Arnold, President of FOTA, and Chad Slasher who oversees FOTA's cleanup downtown provided information on the partnership between FOTA and the cleanups FOTA does on Saturday and Sunday mornings. FOTA cleans up Buckham Alley, Brush Alley, and Second Street to Riverbank Park

C. Approval of Minutes:

None. Corrections for attendance by Emily Doerr and the spelling of Casey Lester's name were noted in the meeting.

D. Personnel and Finance Committee:

Greg Viener and Sheri Sprygada provided the DDA's June financial report, and reported the DDA receiving TIF funds, and payment of the 2024-2025 bond installment to the City of Flint. Rodney Lontine inquired about the DDA's receipt of \$100,000 for sale of property in 2024-2025 and Brandy indicated that it was for the sale of the DDA's property in the GCARD lot.

Upon motion by Casey Lester, supported by Robert Kittel, the DDA Board of Directors unanimously approved the Finance Committee's report for the June, 2025.

E. Marketing and Promotions Committee:

Casey Lester reported on possibly partnering with Walter to make jewelry with Saginaw Bricks. Discussion regarding possibility of using five bricks to test for making jewelry. Following that discussion, Mayor Neeley appointed an ad hoc committee consisting of Casey Lester, Emily Doerr, Rodney Lontine and Brandy Curtis to propose a plan for using the excess Saginaw Street bricks to provide additional funding to the DDA and market small businesses in the downtown.

Mayor Neeley requested that the DDA investigate purchase of a video package and speaker system for the new digital sign, with the goal of adding a new downtown business to the sign every couple of weeks. Also, Mayor Neeley requested that Casey Lester or Emily Doerr record a video showing how to use the new parking meters and add it to the DDA's website.

F. Design Committee:

Johns Gazall reported that Back to the Bricks is replacing bricks in statue plaza with stamped concrete. Also, John commented on looking for additional food trucks because of the inconsistencies of current operators. He also discussed going with more ice cream trucks.

In follow up to a previous discussion on pickleball courts, John said that he was investigating renting versus purchasing pickleball courts.

Finally, John commented on the downtown homeless population and contacting the Genesee County Sheriff's department about being the primary responder for issues with aggressive homeless persons. He also is getting information from the Greater Flint Health Coalition on services they provide for the homeless.

G. Economic Development:

Mayor Neeley reported on DDA resources in the downtown area and redevelopment efforts. He also discussed the DDA reviewing new places for bike racks in the downtown area, as well as costs to do so. In addition, Mayor Neeley commented on starting the process for hiring an Executive Director for the DDA and the City of Flint providing human resources training to the DDA.

H. Operations Report:

No operations report was provided as quorum was lost

I. Correspondences: None.

J. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

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Davina Donahue, Acting Secretary