

City of Inkster
Downtown Development Authority
(DDA)
Minutes

A regular meeting of the Inkster Downtown Development Authority was held on Tuesday, **March 19, 2019**, in the Inkster City Council Chamber, located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan.

Quorum was reached. Chairman Akinyemi called the meeting to order at 6:17 pm.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Akinyemi; Vice Chairwoman Abiolu; Treasurer Onomake; Secretary Adams and Directors Dotson and Theis.

Absent: Directors Wade and Mitchell.

Others in Attendance: Ekanem N. Obong

Public in Attendance: N/A

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Abiolu, Seconded by Onomake to adopt the agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Theis, Seconded by Akinyemi to adopt the minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

IV. CALL to the PUBLIC (Non- Agenda Items)

N/A

V. PRESENTATION

VI. Ms. Melissa V. Hightower- Ombudsperson for SMART- (Southeast Michigan's only regional transit system serving Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties). SMART offers many different services including fixed routes and curb-to curb services. The SMART Connector provides seniors and people with disabilities with transportation to medical appointments once registered as an ADA passenger. Adopt-A-Stop program allows businesses to adopt a stop or shelter in front of their business.

The city of Inkster will receive new bus shelters complete with a button to call police if needed and information on routes and stops.

The Get a Job- Get a Ride process is in place for new employees who are employed with a registered business through SMART. SMART will send a 31-day pass to the employer to give to the new employee.

SMART has a phone app that will alert the rider of the exact location of the bus to inform of exact time bus will arrive at the destination. The app also informs of any detours and/or changes to the route.

Effective May 1, 2019 SMART fares will stay the same but DDOT is changing theirs to be consistent with SMART. Transfers will be eliminated. Youth fares will be reduced. SMART will make every effort to meet the community's needs and changes in bus schedules may be considered. Just notify SMART.

VII. TREASURY REPORT

N/A

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. A subcommittee for a Cultural Arts Program has been developed. The members are Ekanem N. Obong, Paul Carr, Devon D. Perdue and Damon Carter. They will meet to put together a framework to move the process along.

IX. New Business

- A. Inkster Chamber of Commerce Updates
Inkster Chamber of Commerce 20th Anniversary Dinner

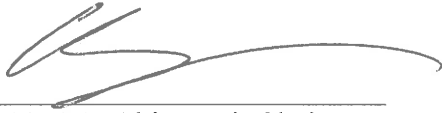
X. Miscellaneous

N/A

XI. Adjournment- 6:17 PM

Moved by Adams, seconded by Onamake to adjourn the DDA meeting held on March 19, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Akindele Akinyemi, Chairman



Cynthia Adams, Secretary