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City of Walker  
Walker/Standale Downtown Development Authority  
Tuesday, October 21, 2014  
1:00PM – DDA Board Room  
Fire Station #2 – 4101 Lake Michigan Drive

1. Call Meeting to Order and record attendance: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Cramer at 1:00 p.m. Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Doug Cramer, Lauren McNees, Pat Goodale, Randy Smith, Jim Degroot, Tom Bart, Leonard Adams, Dr. Brandon Berg, Darrel Schmalzel

Absent: Eric Tunistra, Mark Neal, Frank Wash, Scott Connors

Additional Staff Present: Amber Kneibel, Mark Koning,

2. Approval of August 19, 2014 tabled Minutes: Following review by DDA members, a motion was made by Tom Bart with support by Jim Degroot to approve the August 19, 2014 Downtown Development Authority minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Approval of September 16, 2014 Minutes: Following review by DDA members, a motion was made by Tom Bart with support by Jim Degroot to approve the September 16, 2014 Downtown Development Authority minutes as presented. Motion carried.

4. Resignation of Jim Veldheer- Resignation letter was read by Chairman Doug Kramer. Jim Veldheer was recognized for his years of service to the DDA. It was noted that the open board position will be posted on the DDA website.

5. DDA Holiday Street Banners update provided by Amber Kneibel- Banners were received from Bronner's. The color of the banners are incorrect and will be reprinted at no cost to the DDA. Banners will still arrive before DPW is ready to start hanging them in the district.

6. Community Kick off Breakfast M-45 Tunnel- On November 20 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. at fire station #2 the City of Walker is hosting a community breakfast for the Lake Michigan Drive Pedestrian Tunnel. The DAA is invited to attend. The event will officially launch the fundraising efforts for the project.

7. Engineering Updates- Scott Connors was not in attendance. Darrel Schmalzel shared that the engineering and design of the Lake Michigan Drive pedestrian tunnel is

progressing. The City is also working on a land easement with a nearby apartment complex and with Consumers Energy for utility relocation.

Resurfacing of Remembrance continues and should be wrapped up in the next two weeks.

The City continues to move forward on the roundabout at Remembrance and Wilson. The City will be hosting informational open houses to explain how the roundabout will be used.

8. Other Business/Updates- DPW Director Mark Koning reported that the irrigation system throughout Standale has been winterized. DPW crew has been preparing to decorate the district for the holidays. Trees were planted along Kinney provided by Chemical Bank. Working with local landscaping company to ensure that trees are protected for the winter season.

City Manager Darrel Schmalzel shared an update on the listing of the old fire station on Lake Michigan Drive. NorthStar realty has had some interest on the property and has shown the property a couple times. NorthStar continues to work on the marketing of the property.

9. Next Meeting Date and Time: November 18, 2014 1:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment- At 1:29PM Tom Bart made a motion seconded by Jim Degroot. Motion carried.

**If you have any questions or are unable to attend a meeting, please contact Amber Kneibel at 616.791.6856**

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Kneibel, Recording Secretary