



GLADSTONE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Chambers – 1100 Delta Avenue

July 15, 2025

8:15 AM

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- [2.](#) DDA Regular Meeting Minutes - June 17, 2025

FINANCIALS

- [3.](#) Internal Audit of April & May Financials
4. June Revenue & Expense Report

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- [5.](#) Application for Vacant DDA Seat
- [6.](#) Yoga in the Farmers Market Square

CITY COMMENTS & REPORTS

7. Alternative Funding Sources
8. August Facade Grant Subcommittee Meeting
9. Business After Hours
10. City Hall Staffing Updates
11. Downtown Gladstone Survey
12. Facade Grant Status Update - Gladstone Eye Care (20 S 10th St)
13. Farmers Market Subcommittee Meeting Recommendations
14. Hot Rods & Harleys Event
15. Masters Walleye Circuit
16. Mid-Summer Debrief with Parks & Rec
17. Social District Updates
18. Welcome to Downtown Gladstone Sign

BOARD COMMENTS & REPORTS

WALKING TOUR

The board will take a walking tour of key locations throughout the downtown. This portion of the meeting will remain open to the public. It is expected that the meeting will adjourn at the final location of the walking tour.

19. Tour of City Hall Building
20. Tour of Rialto Center
21. Tour 701 Delta Ave

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting is anticipated to adjourn at 701 Delta Ave, Gladstone, MI 49837.

The City of Gladstone will provide all necessary, reasonable aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon five days notice to the City of Gladstone. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Gladstone by writing or calling City Hall at (906) 428-2311.

Posted: 07-12-2025 | Patricia West, DDA Director | pwest@gladstonemi.gov

RULES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT/ PUBLIC HEARINGS

(Excerpt from DDA By-Laws & Rules of Procedure)

G. Public Comment

1. During this portion of the agenda, a member of the audience may address the DDA, including items that were not scheduled on that agenda.
2. A member of the audience speaking during this portion of the agenda shall limit his/her remarks to three minutes unless such time limit is extended by the Chairperson.



GLADSTONE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Chambers – 1100 Delta Avenue
June 17, 2025
8:15 AM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Jay Bostwick, called the meeting to order at 8:19 AM ET.

1. Roll Call

PRESENT	ABSENT
Jacob Taylor	Joe Thompson
Jay Bostwick	Daniel Becker
Kyle Closs	Jason Lippens
Nathan Neumeier	
Robert LeDuc	

Others in Attendance: Patricia West, Samantha Gaudino, Parker Grzybowski

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. DDA Regular Meeting Minutes - May 20, 2025

Motion made by Closs, seconded by Taylor to approve the DDA Regular Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2025.

Voting Yea: Taylor, Bostwick, Closs, Neumeier, LeDuc

MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIALS

3. May 2025 Revenue & Expenditure Report

DDA Director Patricia West provided an overview of the May 2025 Revenue & Expenditure report. During the review, a few items were identified for clarification and follow-up:

- **Staff Compensation Classification**

It was noted that Samantha Gaudino’s compensation is currently listed under “Temporary Employees.” Since she is permanent part-time staff, her wages should be reclassified under “Wages – Part-Time Employees.” West indicated this was corrected a few weeks into the new fiscal year, but will work with accounting to move what hit the wrong account initially.

- **Equipment Rental Expense**

There was discussion regarding an equipment rental expense. It is believed this may be related to the pergola project at the Farmers Market Square, but further confirmation is needed from Public Works.

- **Farmers Market Budget Adjustments**

Due to an increase in vendor participation, additional canopies are needed, and it is anticipated that Farmers Market expenses will exceed the original budget. However, the increase in vendor fees is also expected to boost revenue, helping to offset the overage. The June Revenue & Expenditure report will provide a more accurate reflection of the current budget status.

- **Printing & Publishing Expense**

Director West will follow up on a \$3,000.00 expense listed under "Printing & Publishing" to determine its source and purpose.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Farmers Market Subcommittee

Motion made by Closs, seconded by LeDuc to add Parker Grzybowski to the DDA's Farmers Market Subcommittee.

Voting Yea: Taylor, Bostwick, Closs, Neumeier, LeDuc

MOTION CARRIED.

CITY COMMENTS & REPORTS

5. 2025 Downtown Annual Survey

The Downtown Annual Survey has not yet been distributed. DDA Director Patricia West plans to release the survey prior to the opening of the Facade Grant Application period in September. The survey will remain open for one month to allow sufficient time for community feedback.

6. 2025 Farmers Market Updates

The 2025 Farmers Market season is off to an incredible start. Downtown Ambassador Samantha Gaudino and Gladstone Berry Farm vendor Parker Grzybowski shared updates highlighting the excitement, challenges, and overall success of the market so far. DDA Director Patricia West expressed her appreciation for Samantha and recognized her outstanding work and dedication to the market's continued growth.

7. Boardwalk Update from Parks & Rec

Wendy Taavola from Parks and Recreation provided a status update on the boardwalk.

8. DDA Board Term Reappointments Approved | Jason Lippens & Nathan Neumeier

The City Commission approved the reappointments during their June 9th meeting.

9. Downtown Bench Replacement Considerations

DDA Director Patricia West noted that several downtown benches need replacement and encouraged the board to consider allocating funds for this in the next budget cycle. Board Chair Jay Bostwick suggested that it may be valuable to include a question about bench replacements in the upcoming Downtown Survey to gather public input.

Wendy Taavola shared that the City is also considering new bench purchases for the parks system and recommended coordinating efforts to ensure visual consistency across public spaces. It was also noted that there is currently no formal inventory of

downtown assets such as benches, garbage cans, bike racks, and similar amenities. The board agreed this is something DDA staff should work toward developing.

10. Downtown Collaborations

West was excited to share that there has been a spark in downtown collaborations since the start of the Farmers Market and the announcement of the social district.

11. Downtown Walking Tour in July

West is looking to pull together a walking tour of Delta Avenue in July for the DDA Board.

12. Hannahville Taskforce Meeting from May 30th

West has been asked to attend the monthly Hannahville Taskforce Meetings facilitated by the Delta County Economic Development Alliance on behalf of the city. This multi-agency gathering focuses on legislative updates, regional collaboration, and shared goals.

13. MDA Summer Workshop

DDA Director Patricia West provided an overview of key takeaways from the recent workshop, highlighting both lessons learned during the walking tour and significant insights gained from the agenda presentations. These reflections will help inform future planning and downtown initiatives.

14. MEDC Region I Educational Forum

DDA Director Patricia West shared highlights from the educational forum held at the Terrace Hotel on June 11, 2025. The event included a presentation from InvestUP on a regional population study, which emphasized the urgent need to attract and retain individuals within the 25–54 age demographic—a key challenge facing our area.

In addition to the formal presentations, the forum offered valuable networking opportunities. West made connections with key staff from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) as well as representatives from the Small Business Development Center (SBDC), which could support future initiatives in Downtown Gladstone.

15. North Shore Development

Following the MEDC Region I Educational Forum, Ray Govus of the MEDC reached out to DDA Director Patricia West regarding a potential opportunity through the Rural Readiness Grant Program. He expressed interest in connecting with the City of Gladstone specifically about the North Shore area.

A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 18th with City Manager Eric Buckman and West to learn more about the program and explore potential alignment with local goals and projects.

16. Social District Updates

The City of Gladstone's state designation for its Social District has been officially approved. Two local establishments—Saunders Point Brewing and Wally's—have received City Commission approval to participate. Their next step is to submit their applications to the State of Michigan for final approval.

In preparation for the district's launch, the Social District logo has been finalized. DDA Director Patricia West is currently working on the design of district signage and the development of educational webpages to help inform the public and participating businesses about district guidelines and expectations.

17. Vacant DDA Board Seat

DDA Director Patricia West has extended the application deadline for the vacant DDA Board. The next round of applications will be reviewed during the board's regularly scheduled meeting in July. Item 2.

BOARD COMMENTS & REPORTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 AM ET.

BALANCE SHEET REPORT FOR CITY OF GLADSTONE
Balance As of 05/31/2025

Item 3.
 YTD
 05/31/2025
 Normal (Abnormal)

GL Number	Description	Normal	(Abnormal)
Fund: 248 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY			
*** Assets ***			
248-000-001.000	CASH	88,268.70	
248-000-017.000	INVESTMENT IN FIRST BANK	75,917.55	
248-000-017.001	INVESTMENTS IN MI CLASS	101,760.24	
248-000-055.000	ACCRUED INCOME	645.82	
Total Assets		266,592.31	
*** Liabilities ***			
248-000-202.000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	2,877.66	
248-000-216.000	REVENUE COLLECTED IN ADVANCE	3,500.00	
Total Liabilities		6,377.66	
*** Fund Equity ***			
248-000-390.000	FUND BALANCE	170,658.87	
Total Fund Equity		170,658.87	
Total Fund 248:			
TOTAL ASSETS		266,592.31	
BEG. FUND BALANCE - 24-25		170,658.87	
+ NET OF REVENUES/EXPENDITURES - 24-25		136,089.27	
+ NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		(46,533.49)	
= ENDING FUND BALANCE		260,214.65	
+ LIABILITIES		6,377.66	
= TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		266,592.31	

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR CITY OF GLADSTONE

Balance As of 05/31/2025
 % Fiscal Year Completed: 16.71

Item 3.

GL Number	Description	25-26 Original Budget	25-26 Amended Budget	YTD Balance 05/31/2025 (Abnormal)	Available Balance 05/31/2025 Normal (Abnormal)	% Bdg't Used
Fund: 248 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY						
Account Category: Revenues						
Department: 000 REVENUE						
248-000-437.001	CITY CAPTURE	259,718.00	259,718.00	0.00	259,718.00	0.00
248-000-437.005	BAY COLLEGE CAPTURE	55,470.00	55,470.00	0.00	55,470.00	0.00
248-000-437.009	DELTA COUNTY CAPTURE	84,288.00	84,288.00	0.00	84,288.00	0.00
248-000-437.013	DC ROAD PATROL CAPTURE	21,775.00	21,775.00	0.00	21,775.00	0.00
248-000-437.015	COMM ACTION CAPTURE	13,399.00	13,399.00	0.00	13,399.00	0.00
248-000-437.019	911 DISPATCH CAPTURE	12,561.00	12,561.00	0.00	12,561.00	0.00
248-000-437.021	DATA CAPTURE	10,093.00	10,093.00	0.00	10,093.00	0.00
248-000-437.023	DC RECYCLING CAPTURE	5,023.00	5,023.00	0.00	5,023.00	0.00
248-000-437.025	DELTA COUNTY JAIL BOND CAPTURE	11,943.00	11,943.00	0.00	11,943.00	0.00
248-000-540.000	GRANT REVENUE	6,000.00	6,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00	33.33
248-000-573.000	LOCAL COMM STABILIZATION SHARE APPRO	6,363.00	6,363.00	0.00	6,363.00	0.00
248-000-642.000	DDA FACADE OWNER'S MATCH	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00
248-000-665.000	INTEREST REVENUE	5,000.00	5,000.00	2,067.09	2,932.91	41.34
248-000-666.001	LIABILITY & PROP INS REIMBURSEMENT	60.00	60.00	0.00	60.00	0.00
248-000-675.006	FARMERS MARKET	1,500.00	1,500.00	900.00	600.00	60.00
248-000-675.007	FARMERS MARKET--FOOD ASSISTANCE PROG	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00	0.00
248-000-675.008	FARMERS MARKET--SQUARE RENTAL FEES	200.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
248-000-675.009	SOCIAL DISTRICT SPONSORSHIPS	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00
248-000-675.010	SOCIAL DISTRICT STICKER REVENUE	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00
Total Dept 000 - REVENUE		527,393.00	527,393.00	4,967.09	522,425.91	0.94
Revenues		527,393.00	527,393.00	4,967.09	522,425.91	0.94
Account Category: Expenditures						
Department: 537 ADMINISTRATIVE						
248-537-702.000	WAGES-FULLTIME EMPLOYEES	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00	0.00
248-537-704.000	WAGES-PART TIME EMPLOYEES	31,498.00	31,498.00	4,350.80	27,147.20	13.81
248-537-707.000	TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES	0.00	0.00	1,175.00	(1,175.00)	100.00
248-537-708.000	UNEMPLOYMENT	125.00	125.00	0.71	124.29	0.57
248-537-709.000	FICA 6.2%	1,953.00	1,953.00	848.28	1,104.72	43.43
248-537-711.000	MEDICARE 1.45%	457.00	457.00	198.38	258.62	43.41
248-537-716.000	DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION PLAN EX	433.00	433.00	937.34	(504.34)	216.48
248-537-728.000	MSA EMPLOYER EXPENSE	176.00	176.00	305.66	(129.66)	173.67
248-537-734.000	MEMBERSHIP & DUES	250.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
248-537-735.000	EDUCATION & TRAINING	700.00	700.00	0.00	700.00	0.00
248-537-736.000	TRANSPORTATION & LODGING	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
248-537-751.000	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	750.00	750.00	222.97	527.03	29.73
248-537-751.011	BEAUTIFICATION PURCHASES	14,521.00	14,521.00	0.00	14,521.00	0.00
248-537-751.012	SOCIAL DISTRICT PURCHASES	8,100.00	8,100.00	0.00	8,100.00	0.00
248-537-754.000	POSTAGE	50.00	50.00	1.66	48.34	3.32
248-537-756.000	COMPUTER	4,270.00	4,270.00	78.72	4,191.28	1.84
248-537-757.000	COPIES	700.00	700.00	156.66	543.34	22.38
248-537-760.000	EQUIPMENT RENTALS	0.00	0.00	170.50	(170.50)	100.00
248-537-761.000	GENERAL FUND ADMINISTRATIVE FEES	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	100.00
248-537-761.003	GENERAL FUND CONCIERGE FEES	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	100.00
248-537-762.000	INTEREST EXPENSE	16,500.00	16,500.00	0.00	16,500.00	0.00
248-537-802.000	LEGAL FEES	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
248-537-803.000	AUDIT FEES	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
248-537-808.000	TELEPHONE	540.00	540.00	41.49	498.51	7.68

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Fund: 248 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY						
Account Category: Expenditures						
Department: 537 ADMINISTRATIVE						
248-537-819.000	FACADE GRANT PROGRAM	62,500.00	62,500.00	0.00	62,500.00	0.00
248-537-880.000	SPONSORSHIPS	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
248-537-880.001	CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00
248-537-880.003	FARMERS MARKET	4,500.00	4,500.00	2,975.08	1,524.92	66.11
248-537-880.004	FARMERS MARKET--FOOD ASSISTANCE PROG	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00	0.00
248-537-880.005	FARMERS MARKET--SQUARE	0.00	0.00	6,987.33	(6,987.33)	100.00
248-537-880.009	DOWNTOWN DAY	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
248-537-900.000	PRINTING & PUBLISHING	5,000.00	5,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	60.00
248-537-910.000	INSURANCE LIABILITY	150.00	150.00	50.00	100.00	33.33
248-537-970.000	CAPITAL OUTLAY	22,500.00	22,500.00	0.00	22,500.00	0.00
248-537-995.006	9TH STREET BOND PAYMENT	227,000.00	227,000.00	0.00	227,000.00	0.00
248-537-995.007	NORTHSHORE LOAN PAYMENT	44,748.00	44,748.00	0.00	44,748.00	0.00
248-537-995.390	TRANSFER TO FUND BALANCE	32,672.00	32,672.00	0.00	32,672.00	0.00
Total Dept 537 - ADMINISTRATIVE		527,393.00	527,393.00	51,500.58	475,892.42	9.77
Expenditures		527,393.00	527,393.00	51,500.58	475,892.42	9.77
Fund 248 - DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:						
TOTAL REVENUES		527,393.00	527,393.00	4,967.09	522,425.91	0.94
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		527,393.00	527,393.00	51,500.58	475,892.42	9.77
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES:		0.00	0.00	(46,533.49)	46,533.49	

Month	Amount	Current Account	Move to Account	Notes
		Temporary Employees	Wages-Part Time Employees	
Apr-25	\$ 225.00	248-537-707.000	248-537-704.000	Samantha's April Payroll (Moved from Temporary Employee to Permanent Part-Time)
May-25	\$ 1,175.00	248-537-707.000	248-537-704.000	Samantha's May Payroll (Moved from Temporary Employee to Permanent Part-Time)
TOTAL	\$ 1,400.00	248-537-707.000	248-537-704.000	Samantha's Payroll Corrections
		Materials & Supplies	Beautification Purchases	
Apr-25	\$ 200.00	248-537-751.000	248-537-751.011	Garland Test Purchase
TOTAL	\$ 200.00	248-537-751.000	248-537-751.011	Garland Test Purchase
		Materials & Supplies	Capital Outlay (Farmers Market Structures)	
Apr-25	\$ 22.97	248-537-751.000	248-537-970.000	Supplies for Pergola
TOTAL	\$ 22.97	248-537-751.000	248-537-970.000	Supplies for Pergola
		Farmers Market	Capital Outlay (Farmers Market Structures)	
Apr-25	\$ 1,352.98	248-537-880.003	248-537-970.000	Payroll for Pergola
May-25	\$ 2,975.08	248-537-880.003	248-537-970.000	Payroll for Pergola
TOTAL	\$ 4,328.06	248-537-880.003	248-537-970.000	Payroll for Pergola
		Farmers Market Square	Capital Outlay (Farmers Market Structures)	
Apr-25	\$ 1,919.69	248-537-880.005	248-537-970.000	Payroll and Supplies for Pergola
May-25	\$ 6,987.33	248-537-880.005	248-537-970.000	Payroll and Supplies for Pergola
TOTAL	\$ 8,907.02	248-537-880.005	248-537-970.000	Payroll and Supplies for Pergola



Board: Downtown Development Authority
Agenda July 15, 2025
Date: _____
Presenter: Patricia West

Staff Report

Agenda Item Title:

Application for Vacant DDA Seat

Background:

There is one current vacancy on the Downtown Development Authority. Enclosed is an application from Parker Grzybowski, part owner in D&D Dog Dynamics, and also a vendor of the Gladstone Farmers Market through the Gladstone Berry Farm.

Fiscal Effect:

None

Supporting Documentation:

Board Application: Parker Grzybowski

Recommendation:

Motion to recommend applicant to the mayor for appointment to the DDA board, subject to the approval by a majority vote of the members elect of the City Commission.



**APPLICATION FORM
GLADSTONE CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

Please use this form to express your interest in serving on a particular board/committee or commission. You may attach additional material if you wish. For information on vacancies and board/committee bylaws, please visit www.gladstonemi.org, call 906-428-2311 or e-mail kberry@gladstonemi.org. Please note that applications are kept on file for six months. The Gladstone City Commission makes appointments to City Boards at their regular meetings as vacancies occur. Completed applications are public documents and are subject to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act.

Eligibility Requirements:

Are you a registered voter in the City of Gladstone? *	Yes	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Have you been a City resident for at least 12 months?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you currently in default to the City of Gladstone?	Yes	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Are you related to any elected City Commissioner (including by marriage)?	Yes	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

*According to the City Charter, each member appointed by the City Commission shall be a qualified and registered elector of the city on such day and throughout the member's tenure of office.

Name of City Board or Committee: If applying for more than one board/committee, please list order of preference:

- 1) Open DDA Board Position
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

Applicant Name as it Appears on License: Parker James Grzybowski

Driver's License Number: G621676367270

Home Address: 7772 County 426 M.5 Rd Gladstone MI,49837 Phone: 906-420-0320

Occupation: VP & Treasurer (Operations Mgmt/Sales) Business: D&D Dog Dynamics (Gladstone Berry Farm)

Business Address: 919 Delta Ave (D&D) 7772 County 426 M.5 Rd (Gladstone Berry Farm) Phone: 906-280-5235 (D&D) 906-420-0320 (GBF)

E-Mail Address: Parkergrzybowskiddynamics@gmail.com Parkergrzybowskigbfarm@gmail.com

Are you currently serving or have you served on any City board or committee? If so, please list and give approximate dates.

I am not currently severing on any city board committee nor have I ever served.

(over)

Education/Credentials: Associates in applied science in Business through Bay College and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Management through Northern Michigan University

Professional activities that relate to this board/committee: Some professional activities that I am involved in that pertain to this position include my positions at D&D Dog Dynamics where I help plan and make big and small, long/short term decisions on company direction. At Gladstone Berry Farm some roles that pertain to this board position would be the same roles that I mentioned above, along with analysis of financial results, daily/weekly/monthly/yearly goal setting, and operational performance monitoring.

Community activities that relate to this board/committee: I am currently not involved in many community based activities that would pertain to the DDA board.

Why are you interested in serving on this board/committee? I am interested in serving on the board of the DDA as I am eager to get more involved in the community that I live in and I feel the DDA is the best way to do this. It not only gives me a way to give back, but it also allows me to contribute to the growth and continued success of downtown Gladstone.

What talents or experience would you bring to the board/committee? Some experience and talents that I would bring to the board include evidence-based decision making, business management in operations and administration, financial performance monitoring and planning, and a deep understanding of business and economic related topics with an appetite for knowledge and learning.

Any other comments or information you wish to provide to the Mayor and City Commissioners? My residency is based on D&D Dog Dynamics training center location address of 919 Delta Ave.

Are you involved in any personal, professional or business pursuit that would affect your ability to make fair and impartial recommendations as a member of a City advisory board or committee? Yes No

Appointed members are expected to attend all meetings of the board/committee. A member who misses more than 3 consecutive meetings or 1/3 of all meetings will tender their resignation to the board/committee chair. Are you aware of the meeting schedule and are you available to attend regularly scheduled meetings? Yes No

Parker Grzybowski 6/16/2025
Signature Date

I certify that there are no misrepresentations, omissions or falsifications on this application and by signing this application I give consent to the City to conduct a background check to verify the information I have provided.

Please return this form with any attachments to: kberry@gladstonemi.org; fax to: 906-428-3122; or mail to: City Clerk's Office, Gladstone City Hall, Gladstone, MI 49837. Thank you for your interest in serving as a volunteer board or committee member. Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated.



Board: Downtown Development Authority
 Agenda: July 15, 2025
 Date:
 Presenter: Patricia West

Staff Report

Agenda Item Title:

Yoga in the Farmers Market Square

Background:

Samantha and Patricia propose a one-time “Yoga in the Farmers Market Square” pilot event to take place in August. If the event proves successful, we could consider expanding similar activities as part of our 2026 programming.

Local yoga instructor Brooke Gudwer Perry has expressed interest in partnering with the DDA for this initial session. While the Market Square is available for rent, it has not been widely promoted for non-market activities. Supporting a unique and accessible event like this aligns with the DDA’s placemaking goals and highlights the Square’s potential as a space for both private and community-driven use.

DDA staff recommends waiving the Market Square rental fee for this pilot, as the idea originated internally. Should the event generate interest and positive feedback, staff will return with recommendations for future programming and partnerships.

Date and time to be determined, but it is expected to take place during a Sunday in August.

Fiscal Effect:

None

Supporting Documentation:

None

Recommendation:

Waive the \$100.00 Market’s Square Rental Fee.