

**ADA TOWNSHIP  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 17, 2013 MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairperson Bob Kullgren.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Terry Bowersox, George Haga, Bryan Harrison, Jim Ippel, Tom Korth, Bob Kullgren, Devin Norman, Walt Vanderwulp, Ted Wright

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jim Ferro, Planning Director

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Approximately 20 members of the Village Design Plan Steering Committee

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda as revised was approved by consent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2013 MEETING**

It was moved by Harrison, seconded by Haga, to approve the minutes of the May 13 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**CONVENING OF STEERING COMMITTEE FOR ADA VILLAGE URBAN DESIGN PLAN**

Kullgren welcomed members of the Village Design Plan Steering Committee. Members of the Steering Committee and DDA Board introduced themselves.

Pete Lazdins, Progressive AE presented an overview of the overall planning process and schedule. Jeff Speck, Jeff Speck & Associates, presented information regarding the strong link between successful downtowns and walkability. Speck presented described what he believes are the most important characteristics of walkable communities. Speck also presented an overview of the findings and recommendations from the 2006 Ada Village Design Charrette, as well as graphics of potential Village redevelopment concepts that he developed for Amway within the last two years. Speck emphasized that these concepts should not be considered to be a proposed plan for the Village, especially since they were developed without any public involvement or input. Speck stated he was presenting these previous plans only for purposes of full disclosure, guided by the code of ethics of his profession as a planner. He stated that in this planning process we would be taking a step backward to consider a full range of potential development options for the Village, based on community involvement.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Tom Korth, Secretary