

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HIGHLAND  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
APPROVED SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3rd, 2026**

**A. ROLL CALL**

Members present: Andy West, Taylor DeHaan, Dale Feigley, Jennifer Frederick, Cassie Blascyk, Supervisor Hamill, Chris Hamill, and Roscoe Smith.

Members Absent: Michael Zurek, Dr. Daniel Walker, and Micheal Zeolla.

Staff Present: Melissa Dashevich - Executive Director.

Guests: Evan Milan - Franklin Village Clerk, John Bryan - Program coordinator for Main Street Oakland County, Danielle Walker - Main Street Oakland County, Tim Colbeck - Main Street Oakland County.

Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 10:47 AM.

**B. MAIN STREET AMERICA AND MAIN STREET OAKLAND COUNTY  
EVALUATION**

*Introduction*

The HDDA Board introduced themselves to the team from MSOC. Evan Milan attended to observe, Franklin; John Bry, MSOC; Dana Walker, Michigan Downtown Association and Tim Colbeck all attended representing MSOC and Main Street America.

*Discussion with Evaluation Team*

The HDDA Board went over the various accomplishments of the HDDA over the course of 2025. This included the completion of their policy reviews, the commercial open house, moving the ticket station to Veterans Park, The Community Round Tables, partnering with Sheetz on a number of projects including a new gateway sign at M59 and Milford Road, the historic preservation work done on Steeple Hall, and the facade grant for A Better Exterior, and more. The new Highland Station Boardwalk was highlighted as the biggest accomplishment of 2025.

Mr. Colbeck shared an Oakland County Place Making Program that is looking to contribute \$10,000 to local campaigns. He also shared that the Ralph C. Wilson Foundation is interested in creating a program for rural communities in Oakland County.

Supervisor Hamill went over the future goals of the HDDA including the upcoming Veterans Park project. He also shared some of the challenges that affect local

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businesses because of the lack of sewers and some of his ideas for how to help alleviate those challenges in the future.

Mrs. Walker shared some options for training new board members that may be helpful not only to the newest board member Dr. Daniel Walker but to all members of the HDDA Board.

Mr. Colbeck also shared an upcoming project with Metro Mode to create a main street trail connecting from Holly to South Lyon including Wixom, Milford, and Highland. This would be a self guided road trip that highlights each individual community as well as articles that touch on specific themes incorporating multiple towns.

Ms. Frederick went over the 2026 work plans and budget status.

**C. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Nothing to report.

**D. MEETING ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 PM. - TD

APPROVED