

MINUTES OF THE DETROIT BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE AMENDED AND RESTATED 20TH AND MICHIGAN AVENUE BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

Thursday, October 2, 2025 The Mercado 2826 Bagley Detroit, MI 48216 5:00 PM

In attendance were:

Brian Vosburg (DEGC/DBRA)
Cora Capler (DEGC/DBRA)
Raquel Figueroa (DEGC)
Sean Mann (DCFC)
Ed Siegel (JacobsStreet)
Sara Jo Shipley (Pinchin)
Adam Patton (Pinchin)
Jose Lemus (DBRA Board, Mayor's Office)
Brittney Hoszkiw (Mayor's Office)
Richard Noto (Old Western Market)
Cathy Schneider (Old Western Market)
John Sargo
Nathan Kurzhals
Linda Dallas (Detroit Documenters)
Nadia Ziyad (Detroit Documenters)

Justin Campbell (Equal Parts Detroit)
Heather Alder (Detroit Documenters)
Elena Moamar
Adam Barrett
Dorothy Bennick
Blandina M. Rose-Willis (DCFC NAC)
Zach Fairchild (Hostel Detroit)
Rachel Harkai
Daniel Patton (DCFC NAC)
Renard Richmond (City of Detroit)
Santana Hill (Councilmember Waters Office)
Bill Check
Sam Butler (DCFC NAC)
Elena Herrada

Mr. Vosburg called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM.

Mr. Vosburg informed the hearing of the tax increment financing request per the Amended Brownfield Plan, provided an overview of the project, the brownfield approval process, how tax increment financing works, and about the project including the current conditions of the property and the plans for a soccer stadium, mixed-use development, and parking structure on the property.

Question and Answer

Attendees of the public hearing asked questions regarding the changes between the original brownfield plan and the proposed Amended and Restated Brownfield Plan, the contractors involved in the demolition and abatement of the property, the demolition and abatement activities performed on the property and what contaminants have been found on the property so far, if there are any materials on the property that can be recycled as part of the demolition process, if there will be public disclosures made regarding contamination on the property, the City and/or State entities involved in TIF reimbursement payments, what would happen to the TIF approved for the project if the Developer no longer owns the property, if the approval of the Amended and Restated Brownfield Plan is linked to the approval of the Community Benefits Agreement, and if the Developer can consider including colorful facades in the mixed-use development.

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Public Comment

Ms. Cathy Schneider stated that she is a resident and property owner in the Corktown community and is working to open the Old Western Market on Michigan Avenue and stated that she is in full support of the project and the tax incentives being requested to make the project feasible.

Mr. Richard Noto stated that he is also associated with the Old Western Market and is in support of the project and he would like the City to establish a tax incentive corridor along Michigan Avenue to encourage further development in the area.

Mr. Adam Barrett stated that he does not support the request for tax incentives for the project because it takes funding away from schools and libraries in the City that really could use the funds.

Ms. Elena Herrada encouraged attendees to visit the Bowman Branch of the Detroit Public Library and that the property could use significant repairs and upgrades to make it more accessible and that the City should not support tax incentives for the stadium at the expense of the libraries and schools.

Ms. Rachel Harkai stated that she does not support the tax incentives requested for the project and the diverting of funds from the schools and libraries to help cover the costs of environmental remediation and demolition that the Developer would be required to pay as part of the project even without public support.

Paper copies of the presentation including renderings for the project were provided.

10 attendees indicated their support for the project and 1 attendee indicated they did not support the project on the sign-in sheet.

Citing no further questions or public comments, Mr. Vosburg provided information on ways to provide written public comment and closed the public hearing at 5:45 PM.