



**MINUTES OF THE
DETROIT BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE
DETROIT FOOD COMMONS BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT PLAN**

**Thursday, June 17, 2021
Held via Zoom
4:00 PM**

In attendance were:

Jennifer Kanalos (DEGC/DBRA)
Brian Vosburg (DEGC/DBRA)
Malinda Jensen (DEGC/DBRA)
Samantha Seimer (AKT Peerless)
Antonio Morsette (AKT Peerless)
Oren Brandvain (Develop Detroit)
Norma Heath
Bill

Ms. Kanalos called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

Ms. Kanalos gave an overview of the structure of the public hearing and provided instructions to participants on how to utilize the Zoom software to ask questions and/or provide public comment.

Mr. Vosburg informed the hearing of the way tax increment financing works, the structure of the Detroit Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, the tax increment financing request per the Brownfield Plan, and provided an overview of the project.

Mr. Brandvain and Ms. Morsette provided additional details regarding the redevelopment plan for the project location.

Ms. Heath inquired as to the project start and finish date. Mr. Brandvain responded that the development team was working to finalize financing and the goal is to break ground in September and be complete in 12 months. Ms. Heath asked if there was a list of project partners. Mr. Brandvain responded that there is a co-op member list and that there is a list of partners, vendors and contractors that could be shared but did note that Malik Yakini is the lead on the community relations piece. Ms. Heath asked if growing operations would be located at the project site. Mr. Brandvain responded that the Detroit Black Community Food Security Network has a farm at Rouge Park and that there will be no agricultural activities located at the project site. Mr. Brandvain added that they will be looking to source as much local food as possible.

Ms. Heath spoke in favor of the project stating that she was excited that the food co-op was coming to the area.

Citing no additional public comments, Mr. Vosburg closed the public hearing at 4:32 PM.