

Almont DDA Informational Meeting December 15, 2021



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Informational Meetings Sec. 910 (4)

The State requires Downtown Development Authorities to hold two informational meetings annually. Informational meetings are meetings held for the purpose of informing the public of the goals and direction of the authority, including projects to be undertaken in the coming year.

They are not for the purpose of voting on policy, budgets or other operational matters. The informational meetings may be held in conjunction with other public meetings of the authority or municipality.



TIF and Development Plan

- The goals and direction of the Almont DDA are defined by the TIF and Development Plan first created on November 7, 1984 and the plans were amended in 1992 and 1998. This amendment extends the life of the plan to 2034 or until all debts are retired.
- The full document is available on our website, as required by law. Find it here:

<https://www.almontdda.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/DDATIFPlan.pdf>



Board of Directors

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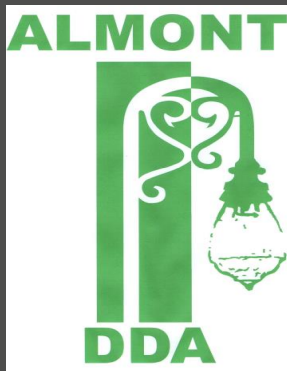
Clinton Farley – Board Member

David Trent – Almont Village Manager



Goals and Direction

- Facilitate improvements, renovations, and redevelopment of interiors and exteriors of commercial buildings
- Promote second-story commercial and residential space to increase occupancy of properties and more appropriate usage of buildings.
- Offer assistance and encourage outside signage that fosters pedestrian oriented lighting and visibility.



Future Projects

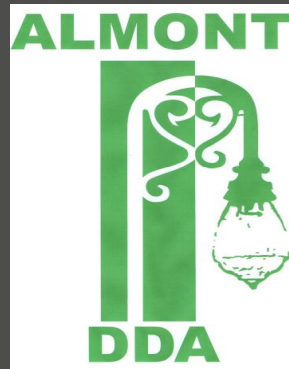
- Maintenance of Downtown Parking Lots
 - Possible Bike Racks
- Welcome Signs to Downtown Almont
 - Parking Lot Signs
 - New Banners
 - Farmers Market
 - Social District Area
- Improvements to the Pocket Park



Meetings

- The DDA holds monthly Board Meetings on the fourth Wednesday of the month starting at 7pm. The meetings are held at The Village of Almont Municipal Offices.

- Meeting Date for 2021-2022 are:
July 28 – August 25 – September 22 – October 27 – November 17 –
December 15 – January 26, 2022 – February 23 – March 23 – April 27
– May 25 – June 22



Projects in 2021

- This year we completed the Elevated Sidewalk Project. The reason this project was considered and completed was due to the fact that it was not ADA compatible, which meant the 3 sets of stairs needed to be removed. Since this would entail patching the wall with a different color brick, the DDA Board decided to fix the wall with new brick as well as the deteriorating hand rail system. This project was budgeted at \$90,000. However, due to supplies coming in less than expected and less labor the final cost was \$69,594.90.



Events Hosted by The Almont DDA

- The DDA holds its annual Heritage Festival/Classic Car Show in September. The turn out is fantastic. We had 155 classic cars this year and 19 vendors and 3 food vendors.



- On the first Saturday in December the DDA holds its annual Holly Day Light Parade. We have parade participants and the streets are lined with residents, family and friends. The evening is magical.



Historic Preservation

- Façade Grants – The Façade Improvement Program is designed to encourage economic investment and revitalization to the commercial buildings within the DDA district. The program promotes physical improvements to the commercial facades visible from the public right-of-way. It is the intent of the program to strengthen the economic vitality of downtown Almont by improving the exterior physical appearance of the buildings while at the same time preserving and promoting the historical character and integrity of the buildings within the district.



New Business

- Ribbon Cuttings

- ❖ Doctors of Physical Therapy



- New businesses within the DDA District

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- ❖ The Shirt Hangar

- ❖ Randazzo Jeweler

- ❖ The Rustic Blue Bird

- ❖ Century 21 AAA North

- ❖ The French Drain Man

Re-Developed Buildings

- Building Improvements

- ❖ Yarbrough Insurance invested close to 1M in the redevelopment of 3 buildings that had been vacant for at least 19 years.



BEFORE FRONT



BEFORE REAR
OF BUILDING



AFTER REAR OF
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Communications

- The DDA has a number of ways that information is available to the Community.
 1. DDA Website: www.almontdda.com
 2. DDA Facebook Page: Downtown Almont
 3. The Village of Almont Website has a link to the DDA web page - <https://www.almontmichigan.gov/>
 4. The DDA will put notices in the Tri-City Times Newspaper



Questions & Contact Information

- During this informational meeting, business of the authority can not be conducted.
- It is not appropriate for someone to use the informational meeting as a forum to discuss DDA business.
- If you have any questions regarding the DDA, please contact:

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