

****PROPOSED****
Village of Howard City
Downtown Development Authority
Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2026

Members Present: Campbell, Baker, Parker, Smith, Bissonette, Kilts, and Gebhardt

Members Absent with Notice: Heckman, Williams, and MacTavish

Members Absent without Notice: None

Others Present: Falcon and VanderPloeg

Chairman Campbell opened the meeting at 8:00 am.

The pledge of allegiance was given.

Motion by Smith seconded by Gebhardt to approve the May 7, 2026, May 14, 2026, May 20, 2026 & June 4, 2026 minutes.
Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Public Comment: None

Motion by Parker seconded by Baker to approve the treasurer's report as provided. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Depot updates were discussed and plans to navigate future construction decision were made.

DDA to look into a ground breaking/ribbon cutting event in December for the Depot.

DDA Financial Highlights for the informational meeting were addressed. With mention of improvements made during 2025-26.
Mr. Falcon had some bike options for the DDA to review which would be more practical than older styles.

Upcoming events to be held on Shaw St were discussed.

DDA acknowledge issue with undesirable transients in the Village of Howard City and discussed strategies to correct issues related to this problem.

Public Comment: Deb Becket-Fountain bought up the necessity of signage for business in the DDA area. Location and cost were discussed.

Tom Kropewnicki has been in contact with news outlets that would like to do articles on the improvements of the Village of Howard City. He has several businesses in the village that are willing to make donations. He was also inquiring on information for liability insurance for the Music Festival.

Motion by Baker seconded by Parker to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 am. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Michael Falcon, Executive Director

Stephanie VanderPloeg, Clerk