



**MINUTES OF THE
DETROIT BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE
DAKKOTA INTEGRATED SYSTEMS
BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT PLAN**

**Thursday, February 20, 2020
Alkebu-lan Village
7701 Harper Ave.
Detroit, MI 48213
5:30 PM**

In attendance were:

Jennifer Kanalos (DEGC/DBRA)
Brian Vosburg (DEGC/DBRA)
Rosemary Brewer (Dakkota)
Nicole R. Core (Dakkota)
Ryan Klunzinger (Dakkota)
Jim Wellington (Dakkota)
Richard Barr (Honigman)
Nicole Stallings Bates (Detroit at Work)
Merrilyn Wilcox
Sam Wilcox
Dr. Karl Rodig
Leonard Johnson
Brianna Brazell
Joyce Anderson
Lester Parnell
Kemp Weathers
Raheem Muhammad
Michael Landers
Gerald Harris
Marcus Colfield

Mr. Vosburg called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM.

Mr. Vosburg informed the hearing of the tax increment financing request per the Brownfield Plan, provided an overview of the project, and answered questions regarding the schedule for the project, the property included in the Plan, the process of tax increment financing and how it differs from other tax incentives, and the anticipated future use of the Kettering High School site and how the sale of that site would be handled.

Mr. Klunzinger, Mr. Wellington, and Mr. Barr provided details regarding Dakkota Integrated Systems, its operations, and the redevelopment plan for the project location and answered questions regarding construction schedule, the plan for a truck route to handle the increased truck traffic and the construction of the access road for the site, the stormwater detention and retention systems including the pond, the timeline for production and when each shift of workers will begin working.

Mr. Colfield stated that he is a proud Detroit resident Kettering alumnus from the class of 1972, and that Dakkota Integrated Systems has lived up to its commitments to the neighborhood and the City of Detroit and that Dakkota Integrated Systems has the support of Alkebu-lan Village and himself for this project.



Ms. Wilcox stated that she is happy to see the project happening in the community and that she was disappointed to see the Rose School demolished because of its history in the neighborhood, the relocation of the playground equipment was inconvenient for the children in the neighborhood, and she wishes more companies would invest in the neighborhood as well.

Mr. Harris stated that as a Kettering alumnus it is exciting to see investment in the community and he would like to see others come into the community with the same thoughtfulness as Dakkota Integrated Systems has and he looks forward to working together with Dakkota Integrated Systems in the future.

Mr. Muhammad stated that he lives across from the property on Townsend Street and has watched the progress of the project and it is exciting to see the development happening in the community and he supports the project.

Paper copies of the Brownfield Plan, renderings for the project, and the attached handout were provided.

Four people verbally provided their support for the project, and eight people indicated their support for the project on the sign-in sheet. There were no comments received in opposition of the project.

Citing no further public comments, Mr. Vosburg closed the public hearing at 6:34 PM.