



**CITY OF FOREST PARK**  
**DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at 5:30 PM  
City Hall-Council Chambers, Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

**Website:** [www.forestparkga.gov](http://www.forestparkga.gov)  
**Phone Number:** (404) 363.2454

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
745 Forest Parkway  
Forest Park, GA 30297

## MINUTES

**Billy Freeman, Jr.,** *Chairman*  
**Alvin Patton,** *Vice Chairman*  
**Felicia Davis,** *Member*  
**Hector Gutierrez,** *Member*  
**Bennett Joiner,** *Member*  
**Victoria Williams,** *Member*  
**Rhonda Wright,** *Member*

### MEETING NOTICE:

To watch the meeting via YouTube - <https://bit.ly/3c28p0A>

**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:** Billy Freeman, Jr. called the Development Authority Regular meeting to order on July 23, 2025, at 5:33 p.m.

### PRESENT:

Billy Freeman, Jr.  
Alvin Patton  
Victoria Williams  
Rhonda Wright

### ALSO PRESENT:

Kirby Glaze, Esq., DA General Counsel  
Rochelle B. Dennis, Economic Development Director  
Charise Clay, Economic Development Staff Assistant

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:** Victoria Williams made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Rhonda Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Rhonda Wright made a motion to approve June 25, 2025, Development Authority Regular Meeting minutes as submitted. Victoria Williams seconded the motion.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Review & Approval of FY 25-26 DA Budget:** Economic Development Director Rochelle Dennis presented the FY 25-26 Development Authority of \$1,754,250 for review and approval. Victoria Williams made a motion to approve the FY 25-26 Development Authority budget as submitted. It was seconded by Billy Freeman, Jr. The motion passed unanimously.

**Monthly Financial Report:** Economic Development Staff Assistant Charise Clay presented the June 2025 Development Authority Financial Report. As of June 30, 2025, the Development Authority had total assets of \$4,852,503.99.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:** Economic Development Director Rochelle B. Dennis provided the Economic Development Update.

- Up Early on Main – August 23, 2025
- Up Early on Main – September 20, 2025
- Longest Table – October 5, 2025
- Blues on Main – October 10, 2025
- Main Street Light Pole Banners to be installed in the Fall
- New Main Street welcome sign to be installed on Lake at train tracks
- Launch of Boxes & Blooms Public Art Series
- Forest Park Business Association Breakfast – September 10, 2025
- **BUSINESS RETENTION & ENGAGEMENT**
  - Russell Landscape Expansion
  - Sankofa Montessori School Temp Relo
  - Ribbon Cutting
  - Extra Mile
  - Ward BRE Visits
  - GPI Security Group
  - Partnership with SBDC
  - Economic Development Roundtable
  - FP Brokers Reception & Tour
- **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**
  - L.E.A.F. LIFE Initiative Housing Reveal
  - Partnership with Councilwoman Latresa Akins-Wells Job Fair (August 14)
  - Elevate Program Partnership
- **CARTER ON MAIN (803 Main) - Townhomes**
  - Finalizing easement agreement
  - Resubmitting updated plans / exterior changes
- **CARTER ON SCOTT (0 Scott Road) – 17 Single Family Homes**
  - LDB pending
- **MARTA (Old Dixie)**
  - Demolition has started
  - Pre-development meeting complete
- **CHERRY STREET – 6 Single Family Homes**
  - Building permit for 3 homes
  - Phased approach
- **FLORENCE ON MAIN (760-770 Main)**
  - DCA Tax Credits – pending
  - UDRB, Plan Review, Building Permit
- **STARR PARK**

- Resubmission of plans to Fire Marshal to proceed
- **721 MORROW ROAD**
  - 48 2-story Townhomes w/ Front Garage
- **RESTORATION ON MAIN (850 Main)**
  - 5 Micro suites / Ballroom / Event Hall / Cafe
  - Exterior & Interior renovations 85% complete
- **1035 Main – Coworking Flex Space**
  - Waiting on payment for UDRB Application (August Meeting pending)
- **SCANNELL – 22 Acres (Spec building at Gillem)**
- **564 MAIN STREET – Roofing Company HQ**
  - Submitted Paperwork
  - Complete renovation
  - Paving Lot – on-street parking
- **751-771 MAIN STREET**
  - Pending development plan submission
- **GUCA (794 Main Street)**
- **DIGITAL REALTY**
  - Data Center Community Town Hall – July 2, 2025
- **1500 SOUTHPOINT – MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Update on the sale of 794 Main Street:** DA Attorney Kirby Glaze provided the update. The Georgia Utilities Association has until July 30, 2025, to submit their Development Plans to the City and the Development Authority. Purchase and Sale Agreement has been accepted, and funds are in escrow.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (When an Executive Session is required, one will be called for the following issues: Personnel, Litigation or Real Estate)

**ADJOURNMENT:** Victoria Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Alvin Patton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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