



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

Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 5:30 PM  
Council Chambers

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

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

## MINUTES

**Angelyne Butler**, *Chairwoman*  
**Nachae Jones**, *Vice Chairwoman*  
**Jacklyn Faith**, *Member*  
**Nancy Howard**, *Member*  
**Tre Holland**, *Member*  
**Dhaval Shah**, *Member*  
**Eric Stallings**, *Member*

### MEETING NOTICE:

Due to COVID-19, CDC requirements of Masks and Social Distancing will be adhered.

### CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

Chairwoman Butler called the Downtown Development Authority meeting on April 27, 2023, to order at 5:30pm.

### PRESENT:

Angelyne Butler  
Nachae Jones  
Nancy Howard  
Eric Stallings

### ALSO PRESENT:

Mike Williams, City Attorney  
Bobby Jinks, Director of Public Works  
Bruce Abraham, Economic Development Director  
Charise Clay, Economic Development Staff Assistant

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of February 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes

2. Approval of March 29, 2023 Special Called Meeting Minutes

Nachae Jones made a motion to group the minutes together and approve. Nancy Howard seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

**OLDBUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

3. The Collaborative Firm Presentation

- Trisha Colpetzer of The Collaborative Firm gave the update:
  - The firm delivered their 6-month update on all projects. DDA Today is a new initiative that features special guests alongside the Mayor/DDA Chair and a DDA board member as co-hosts. The segments are 15 minutes in length. The last segment featured a representative from Marta. The video is available for viewing on the DDA's YouTube page and website.
  - The DDA also was featured in GA Trends through an ad and a feature story on the city. That is the second time that the city has had a featured story in the publication.
  - Mayor Butler served on a panel alongside Marta and other Clayton County appointed and elected officials for SMDO 2023. SMDO 23 was the largest conference to date with over 700 attendees.
  - SMDO 23, Marta on the Move in South- Metro, and DDA Today will be featured in the Green Leaf. The publication is expected to be in homes by the end of the month. An update was also given on the new fire station at Gillem and *Forest Station* (new Senior housing). This issue of the Green Leaf will be a hardcopy delivered to over 7,000 residents and business owners. The digital version goes to over 2,000 stake holders.
  - A glimpse ahead: Another digital issue of the Green Leaf will be distributed, the second segment of DDA Today will be filmed, and a 9-month date will be given on July 27.

4. Carter's Cleaners Memorabilia

- Bruce Abraham delivered the update:
  - Bruce was asked to visit Carter's Cleaners to see if any valuable items or memorabilia could be salvaged. Residents have inquired about collecting memorabilia from the original structure. Based on his observations of the building, he advised that no one should enter the building due to its' unsafe conditions and that there is nothing of value in there. 9 wedding dresses were able to be salvaged and stored at the city's Public Works Department. Additional decisions about the final uses and storage of the dresses will be discussed later at a later date.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

(Executive Session may be called for issues concerning Personnel, Litigation or Real Estate)

Nachae Jones made a motion to end the regular meeting and enter the executive session at 5:44pm. Nancy Howard seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Eric Stallings made a motion to end the executive session at 7:29pm. Nachae Jones seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Eric Stallings made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:30pm. Nachae Jones seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

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