



Downtown Development Authority Meeting

Monday, August 26, 2024, at 6:30 PM
875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, GA 30083

Regular Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

- Carl Wright called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.
- Members Present: Carl Wright, Denise Phillips, Council Member Anita Bass and Michelle Dunbar. Jenna Barclay was absent from this meeting. Thom DeLoach attended the meeting virtually and decided to recuse himself from voting.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Council Member Anita Bass made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Denise Phillips. Unanimously approved.

- III. **DDA Chairperson / Words of Privilege:** The Chairperson discussed the mission and purpose of the DDA; advantages of the City of Stone Mountain (such as great location, historic buildings). He also asked for the Council's support in future projects, such as considering an amphitheater for concerts and special events; and addressing the empty storefronts on Main Street.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- **Regular Meeting Minutes, July 22, 2024:** Motion by Denise Phillips to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Anita Bass. Unanimously approved.
- **Special Called Meeting Minutes, August 12, 2024:** Motion by Denise Phillips to approve the special called minutes, seconded by Micelle Dunbar. Unanimously approved.

V. Citizen Comments:

- David Thomas suggested the current open businesses on Main Street to be recognized with certificates, banners, and social media posts.
- The owner of the Sweet Potato Café discussed the wayfinding signages in the city.

VI. Director's Report

- The DDA's AARF Reports for FY2021, FY2022 and FY2023; and the DCA Monthly Report for July 2024 were presented.
- The DDA Director briefly discussed the facade grant projects and mentioned that the property owner at 977 Main Street is interested in updating his application and reapplying for the grant.

VII. Council Report

- Council and DDA Member Anita Bass, provided a brief update on the last council meeting discussions/action items.

VIII. Old Business

- Information Item: The MSSM 2023 Profit and Loss Report was presented.

IX. New Business

1. Discussion Item: Rescheduling the DDA Regular Meeting / September 23, 2024:

- Denise Phillips made a motion to reschedule the September 23rd DDA regular meeting, to Thursday, September 12, 2024; seconded by Anita Bass. Unanimously approved.

2. Discussion Item: ULI Atlanta / mTAP:

- ULI Atlanta is a District Council of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) that assists cities and authorities through Technical Assistance Panels (TAPs) and the Leadership mTAP program. Anita Bass made a motion to engage the ULI Atlanta in a project; seconded by Michelle Dunbar. Unanimously approved.

3. Discussion Item / Mural Project:

- There was a brief discussion about the small alley on Main Street as a potential location for a mural.

4. Discussion Item: Proposed Downtown Development Area Boundary Modification:

- The DDA didn't propose any changes to the size and scope of their current map.

5. Discussion Item: Landscaping Project / Additional mulch bed cleanup

- Denise Phillips made a motion to approve proposal #6562, seconded by Anita Bass. Unanimously approved.

X. Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, Legal, and/or Real Estate (if needed)

Motion by Michelle Dunbar to enter an executive session to Discuss Personnel, Legal, and/or Real Estate, seconded by Denise Phillips. Unanimously approved.

Motion by Michelle Dunbar to adjourn the Executive Session, seconded by Denise Phillips. Unanimously approved.

XI. Adjournment:

Motion by Michelle Dunbar to adjourn the Regular Meeting, seconded by Denise Phillips. Unanimously approved.