



## Downtown Development Authority Meeting

Monday, January 27, 2025, at 6:30 PM  
875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, GA 30083

### Regular Meeting Minutes

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#### I. Call to Order

- Carl Wright called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- Members Present: Carl Wright, Denise Phillips, Council Member Anita Bass, Michelle Dunbar, Robert Witherspoon and Sarah Hage. The DDA Legal Team also attended in person. Thom DeLoach was absent from this meeting.

#### II. Approval of the Agenda

- Anita Bass made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Robert Witherspoon. Unanimously approved.

#### III. Approval of Minutes:

- Motion by Denise Phillips to approve the minutes from December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024; December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025; seconded by Anita Bass. Unanimously approved.

#### IV. Citizen Comments:

- Dave Thomas made a comment about the Boost program.

#### V. Director's Report

- The DDA's monthly report to the DCA has been submitted. The Director also mentioned some of the DDA Projects and Accomplishments for 2024.

#### VI. Council Report

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

#### VII. Old Business:

1. **Discussion/Action Item: Enhancement Grant Program:** Denise Phillips made a motion to approve the proposed grant, seconded by Anita Bass. Unanimously approved.
2. **BEC/DDA Mardi Gras Agreement for FY2025:** the DDA held a discussion during the executive session. There was no motion, and no agreement was signed between the DDA and BEC. (The DDA stays behind their original proposal to fund 25% of the Mardi Gras total verified expenses and up to \$5,000.00).
3. **Discussion Item: Caboose Project:** A direction was given to the DDA Director to find estimate quotes for the Caboose.

**IX. New Business**

**1. Mural Agreement Between the DDA of City of Stone Mountain and Charity**

**Hamidullah:** Motion by Anita Bass to approve the proposed agreement, seconded by Robert Witherspoon. Unanimously approved.

**2. Discussion Item: DDA Special Events Sponsorship Program:** there was a brief discussion.

**3. Discussion Item: DDA social media:** Sarah Hage will be overseeing the DDA social media pages and marketing strategy.

**4. Discussion Item: Communication and Meeting with local businesses:** the DDA Director will be scheduling roundtable discussions with local businesses.

**5. Discussion Item: Date for Strategic Planning Session:** Targeted date in fall 2025.

**X. Executive Session to discuss Personnel, Legal, and/or Real Estate**

- Motion by Denise Phillips to enter into an Executive Session, seconded by Sarah Hage. Unanimously approved.
- Motion by Denise Phillips to exit the Executive Session, seconded by Michelle Dunbar. Unanimously approved.

**XI. Adjournment:**

Motion by Denise Phillips to adjourn the Regular Meeting, seconded by Robert Witherspoon. Unanimously approved.

Approved by the Board on: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Carl Wright, Chairperson      \_\_\_\_\_ Thom Deloach, Vice Chairperson