

Downtown Development Authority Meeting

Monday, March 23, 2026, at 6:30 PM



City Hall, 875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083

Minutes

I. Call to Order

1. Carl Wright called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Members Present: Carl Wright, Robert Witherspoon, Thom DeLoach, Anita Bass, Michelle Dunbar and Sarah Hage. Denise Phillips was absent from the meeting.

- ### II. Approval of the Agenda:
- Motion by Anita Bass to approve the agenda, seconded by Michelle Dunbar. Unanimously approved.

III. Approval of Minutes

1. DDA Regular Meeting Minutes, February 23, 2026: Motion by Sarah Hage to approve the minutes with one correction – under new business, item #4 should include “*Consideration of a DDA Special Called Meeting: the DDA Members proposed Saturday, April 11th, as a meeting date*”; seconded by Anita Bass. Unanimously approved.

IV. Citizen Comments: there were No comments.

V. Director's Report

1. DCA Report - February 2026: The DCA monthly report was presented.
2. The DDA members acknowledged the resignation of Denise Phillips from the Board and expressed their appreciation for her dedicated service, particularly in her role as Treasurer.

- ### VI. Council Report:
- Council Member Bass provided an update on the latest Council meeting.

VII. Old Business

1. Discussion Item: Mural Project / Stoned Pizza: the DDA held a brief discussion and expressed interest in moving forward with the project.
2. Discussion Item: Reconsideration of Approval and Project Timeline – Hilda Wells (955 Main Street): The DDA held a brief discussion regarding the project timeline and reaffirmed that the property owner has been granted six (6) months to complete the project.

VIII. New Business

1. Discussion Item: Appointment to Fill DDA Board Vacancy / DDA Treasurer and New Board Member: Motion by Anita Bass to approve Robert “Bobby” Singleton as a Member of the DDA, seconded by Sarah Hage. Unanimously approved.
 - Motion by Thom DeLoach to appoint Sarah Hage as DDA Treasurer, seconded by Anita Bass. The motion was unanimously approved. The DDA Board also directed the DDA Attorney to proceed with updating the resolution for the bank signature cards.
2. Discussion Item: DDA Support for Local Events and Funding Opportunities
 - There was a brief discussion about the criterium event. The new event date is September 19, 2026.

- Anita Bass made a motion to support Tunes by the Tracks, contingent upon the DDA receiving a formal proposal from Thom DeLoach. The motion was seconded by Michelle Dunbar and was unanimously approved. Thom DeLoach recused himself from the vote.

3. Discussion Item: Stone Mountain Visitor Center and Museum Operations and Future Planning: the DDA Director shared an idea for the City to re-open the visitor center at the Depot.

IX. Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, Legal, and/or Real Estate (if needed): there was No executive session.

X. Adjournment: Motion by Michelle Dunbar to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Anita Bass. Unanimously approved.