



# Downtown Development Authority Meeting

Monday, July 27, 2026, at 6:30 PM

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

## Minutes

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### I. Call to Order

1. Carl Wright called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members Present: Chair Carl Wright, Vice Chair Robert Witherspoon, Board Member Bobby Singleton, Board Member Thom DeLoach and Board Member & Council Member Anita Bass were present.
3. Treasurer Sarah Hage and Board Member Michelle Dunbar were absent.

**II. Approval of the Agenda:** Anita Bass made a motion to approve the agenda, and Bobby Singleton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**III. Approval of Minutes:** Anita Bass made a motion to approve the DDA Regular Meeting Minutes from June 22, 2026, and Bobby Singleton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**IV. Citizen Comments:** There were no citizen comments.

### V. Director's Report

1. The DCA Report for June 2026 was presented.
2. Welcome and Introduction of New City Employees: Thatcher Hart (Community Development Director), Elle Walker - (Tourism Manager), and Rick Badie (Communications Specialist) introduced themselves.

**VI. Council Report:** Anita Bass gave the Council Report mentioning the National Night Out, Davenport financial advisors, establishing the Entertainment District, street paving on James B. Rivers and Stone Mountain Ambassadors.

### VII. Old Business

1. DDA Bank Accounts: DDA Bank Accounts: The Members discussed closing bank accounts ending in #1884 and #1892, with the remaining balances from both accounts to be transferred to the DDA's main operating account ending in #1876.
  - Thom DeLoach made a motion to approve the closure of bank accounts #1884 and #1892 and to transfer the remaining balances to the main operating account ending in #1876. Anita Bass seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
  - Anita Bass made a motion to add Thatcher Hart as a signatory on the DDA bank account and Thom DeLoach seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
2. Discussion Item: 955 Main Street- Commercial Grant (Property Owner- Hilda Wells): 955 Main Street Commercial Grant: The DDA discussed the previously approved Commercial Grant application for 955 Main Street. The property owner attended the meeting and requested to

withdraw the grant application. Anita Bass made a motion to approve the withdrawal of the application for a grant, and Bobby Singleton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Discussion Item - DDA Projects: there was a brief discussion about the ideas/projects

#### **VIII. New Business**

1. DDA Budget Amendment / 20.5130.52.3850 - Contract Labor: Thom DeLoach made a motion to approve the transfer of \$20,000 from the DDA reserves to Budget Account 20.5130.52.3850 - Contract Labor to fund the new mural on the East Mountain Street wall of Stoned Pizza Kitchen. Bobby Singleton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- Motion by Council Member Anita Bass to enter into an executive session, seconded by Robert Witherspoon. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Motion by Thom DeLoach to exit the executive session and return to a regular session, seconded by Anita Bass. The motion was unanimously approved.

- X. Adjournment:** Motion by Council Member Anita Bass to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Thom DeLoach. The motion was unanimously approved.