



Downtown Development Authority Meeting

Monday, September 29, 2025 at 6:30 PM

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

Minutes

I. Call to Order

- Robert Witherspoon called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
 - **Members Present:** Robert Witherspoon, Denise Phillips, Michelle Dunbar, and Councilmember Anita Bass.
 - **Members Absent:** Carl Wright, Sarah Hage, and Thom DeLoach.
 - The DDA Legal Counsel was also in attendance.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Denise Phillips made a motion to approve the agenda with the following amendments: to postpone the TAP discussion to a future meeting and to add a discussion and possible approval of a DDA subcommittee responsible for overseeing the commercial grant applications. The motion was seconded by Michelle Dunbar and unanimously approved.

III. Approval of Minutes

1. **DDA Regular Meeting Minutes - August 25, 2025:** Motion by Councilmember Bass to approve the minutes, seconded by Michelle Dunbar. Unanimously approved.

IV. Citizen Comments: No comments.

V. Director's Report: The monthly DCA report was presented.

VI. Council Report: Councilmember Anita Bass provided a brief report on the last Council meeting.

VII. Old Business

1. **Discussion Item - Mural Project:** Motion by Denise Phillips to pause the mural project, seconded by Michelle Dunbar. Unanimously approved.
2. **Action Item - DDA Grant Subcommittee:** Michelle Dunbar made a motion to appoint the following members to serve on the subcommittee: Maggie Dimov, Tamaya Huff, Elisabeth Richmond, Robert Witherspoon, and Denise Phillips. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bass and unanimously approved.
3. **Discussion Item - TAP Application:** Discussion postponed to a future meeting.

VIII. New Business

1. **Discussion Item - Strategic Planning Session / Goals for 2025:** The DDA's goals for 2025 include the creation of a commercial grant program, obtaining an mTAP study with an emphasis on downtown revitalization, and implementing a mural project. Motion by Councilmember Bass to approve the proposed goals, seconded by Michelle Dunbar. Unanimously approved.
2. **Discussion/Action Item - DDA Budget, FY2026:** Motion by Councilmember Bass to approve the proposed DDA budget for FY2026 in the total amount of \$433,500.00, seconded by Michelle Dunbar. Unanimously approved.
3. **DDA RLF (Downtown Revolving Loan Fund) - 947 Main Street:** Denise Phillips made a motion to approve the DDA initiative supporting Jonathan Hartnett and his new business, *Live Oak Restaurant*, in applying for a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bass and unanimously approved.

4. **Discussion Item - Stone Mountain Crit:** Brief discussion held.
5. **Discussion Item - Speed Week:** Brief discussion held.
6. **Discussion Item - Trip to Carrollton:** Brief discussion held.

IX. Executive Session: No Executive Session was held.

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