



## Downtown Development Authority Meeting

Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 6:30 PM  
922 Main Street, Stone Mountain, GA 30083

### Special Called Meeting Minutes

#### I. Call to Order

- Carl Wright called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.
- Members Present: Carl Wright, Denise Phillips, Council Member Anita Bass, Michelle Dunbar, Thom DeLoach, Sarah Hage and Robert Witherspoon. The DDA Legal Team also attended in person.

#### II. Approval of the Agenda

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

#### III. Oath of Office Ceremony for DDA Members: Oaths of Office were administered by the Honorable Mayor Pro Tem, Ryan Smith, for the following Members:

| DDA Member Name    | Position       | Term Start / End Date  |
|--------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Thom DeLoach       | DDA Vice Chair | 3/11/2024 to 3/11/2028 |
| Michelle Dunbar    | DDA Member     | 3/11/2024 to 3/11/2028 |
| Robert Witherspoon | DDA Member     | 12/9/2024 to 5/3/2026  |
| Sarah Hage         | DDA Member     | 12/9/2024 to 5/3/2026  |

#### IV. Old Business:

1. **Approval of the 2025 IGA between the City of Stone Mountain and the Downtown Development Authority of Stone Mountain:** Motion by Denise Phillips to approve the proposed agreement, seconded by Michelle Dunbar. Unanimously Approved.
2. **Discussion/Action Item: Enhancement Grant Program:** there was a brief discussion about converting the Façade Grant into an Enhancement Grant.

#### V. New Business

1. **BEC/DDA Mardi Gras Agreement for FY2025:** Carmen Malizia presented her event proposal for the Mardi Gras parade.
2. **Discussion/Action Item: Downtown Revitalization Strategy, mTAP Project Agreement:** Motion by Thom DeLoach to approve the presented letter, seconded by Michelle Dunbar. Unanimously approved.

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

- Motion by Anita Bass to enter into an Executive Session, seconded by Sarah Hage. Unanimously approved.
- Motion by Anita Bass to exit the Executive Session, seconded by Robert Witherspoon. Unanimously approved.
- **Action Item, after the DDA Executive Session about the 1. BEC/DDA Mardi Gras Agreement for FY2025:** Motion by Thom DeLoach to conditionally approve 25% of the verified expenses up to \$5,000.00, for the 2025 Mardi Gras event parade. The conditional portion will be for content changes of the agreement between BEC and the DDA, made by the DDA attorney; seconded by Michelle Dunbar. Approved unanimously.

**XI. Adjournment:**

Motion by Robert Witherspoon to adjourn the Special Called Meeting, seconded by Sarah Hage. Unanimously approved.

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

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