



**CITY OF FOREST PARK**  
**DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 5:30 PM  
City Hall-Council Chambers

**Website:** [www.forestparkga.gov](http://www.forestparkga.gov)  
**Phone Number:** (404) 363.2454

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
745 Forest Parkway  
Forest Park, GA 30297

## MINUTES

**Billy Freeman, Jr.,** *Chairman*  
**Alvin Patton,** *Vice Chairman*  
**Felicia Davis,** *Member*  
**Hector Gutierrez,** *Member*  
**Bennett Joiner,** *Member*  
**Victoria Williams,** *Member*  
**Rhonda Wright,** *Member*

### MEETING NOTICE:

*CDC requirements of masks and social distancing will be adhered.*

**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:** Vice Chairman, Alvin Patton, called the Development Authority meeting to order on August 28, 2024, to order at 5:35pm.

### PRESENT:

Billy Freeman, Jr.  
Alvin Patton  
Felicia Davis  
Bennett Joiner  
Victoria Williams  
Rhonda Wright

### ALSO PRESENT:

Kirby Glaze, Development Authority General Counsel  
Bobby Jinks, Director of Public Works  
S. Marsellas Williams, Director of Economic Development  
Charise Clay, Economic Development Staff Assistant

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:** Felicia Davis made a motion to adopt the agenda without any additions/ deletions. Victoria Williams seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Approval of July 10, 2024, Meeting Minutes:** Bennett Joiner made a motion to approve the July 10, 2024, meeting minutes. Rhonda Wright seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:****C-Suite Studios Presentation on 850 Main Street:**

- Sandy Epstein with Sea Studios presented renderings for the redevelopment of 850 Main Street. The current building will remain, but the exterior will be altered. Modifications will include a new parking layout, updated landscaping, and outside seating. The interior of the building will be built to suit the tenant occupying the space. The board wishes to put the exterior redevelopment scope of work out for bid.

**Economic Development Update:****S. Marsellas Williams delivered the update:**

- The city hosted a successful trolley tour; where residents, community stakeholders, and leaders can interactively learn about all the greatness that is Forest Park. The next tour dates are September 18, 2024, and October 16, 2024, from 12pm-2pm. He met with several retailers and real estate brokers & developers interested in doing business within the City. Blues on Main is a blues concert at the fountain on Main Street slated for October 11, 2024. Up Early on Main is an early morning event with breakfast, yoga, and a dog park happening on September 21, 2024, from 8am-11am. A ribbon cutting for Lingo Staffing was also held within the last month. The Economic Development department partnered with Clayton State's Small Business Development Center to host "Grow Your Business"; a seminar where small businesses can receive one-on-one business coaching and development.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (When an Executive Session is required, one will be called for the following issues: Personnel, Litigation or Real Estate)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Felicia Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:01pm. Victoria Williams seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

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