

CITY OF FOREST PARK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 5:30 PM Council Chambers

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Forest Park, GA 30297

MINUTES

Angelyne Butler, Chairwoman Jacklyn Faith, Member Tre Holland III, Member Nancy Howard, Member Nachae Jones, Member Dhaval Shah, Member Eric Stallings, Member

MEETING NOTICE:

Due to COVID-19, CDC requirements of Masks and Social Distancing will be adhered.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

Chairwoman Butler called the Downtown Development Authority meeting on March 24, 2022, to order at 5:30pm.

Present:

Angelyne Butler Jacklyn Faith (Arrived at 5:33pm) Tre Holland III Nancy Howard Nachae Jones Dhaval Shah

Also Present:

Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager Mike Williams, City Attorney Bruce Abraham, Economic Development Director Charise Clay, Economic Development Staff Assistant Bobby Jinks, Public Works Director Chiquita Barkley, Finance Director Councilwoman Kimberly James Absent: Eric Stallings

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of February 24, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Nachae Jones made a motion to approve the minutes as is. Nancy Howard seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2. Swearing in of New Members
- Dhaval Shah and Tre Holland III were sworn in by reading the Oath of Office, led by Chairwoman Butler.
- 3. Officer Elections
- Chairperson: Nachae Jones made a motion to elect Angelyne Butler as Chairperson. Nancy Howard seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- Vice Chairperson: Dhaval Shah made a motion to elect Nachae Jones as Vice Chairperson. Nancy Howard seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- Secretary: Dhaval Shah made a motion to elect Charise Clay as Secretary. Tre Holland III seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- Treasurer: Tre Holland III made a motion to elect Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper as the treasurer. Nachae Jones seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
 - 4. Approval of 2022 Meeting Calendar

Nancy Howard and Jacklyn Faith made a motion to accept the 2022 meeting calendar. Motion approved unanimously.

5. Joint Economic Development Retreat (May 13- May 15, 2022)

Chairwoman Butler led the discussion on the retreat:

The purpose of the retreat is to understand each authority's role and responsibilities while establishing a joint economic development vision for the City among the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), and Development Authority (DA). The proposed retreat dates are Friday, May 13 until Sunday, May 15, 2022. Location quotes are being gathered from the Atlanta Evergreen Marriott Conference Resort (Stone Mountain, GA) and Callaway Gardens (Pine Mountain, GA). Friday will be a day for training all new and existing members in a group setting. Saturday will be a discussion on each board to discuss their roles & responsibilities and to create an agenda to move the boards forward.

Nachae Jones made a motion to approve moving forward with a joint economic development retreat. Jacklyn Faith seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

6. Economic Development Update

Bruce Abraham led the Economic Development Update:

• Zaxby's: The restaurant will not have a drive thru on Main Street but through a rear entrance on the property.

- Townhomes: The Development Authority plans to build 32 townhomes, selling price is expected to be around \$250,000 per unit. They should be breaking ground soon.
- 932 Main Street: The building is being remodeled to suite a restaurant.
- Façade Grant Program: A program through the Development Authority that allows business owners on Main Street an opportunity to apply for a grant of up to \$25,000, to invest in the restoration of the exterior of their building.

OTHER DISCUSSION:

 David Welch, CEO of Robinson Weeks Partners and master developer with a public, private partnership with the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), gave an update regarding the progression of Gillem Logistics Center. Around 3,250 jobs have been replaced since Ft. Gillem closed. With around \$1 billion in original investments, the total investments are projected to be around \$1.5 billion when everything is completed. The tax revue for this year is projected to be \$4 million, which will go back to the city. Companies like Boeing, Kroger, Amazon and Home Depot now have a home in Forest Park.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

(Executive Session may be called for issues concerning Personnel, Litigation or Real Estate)

Tre Holland III made a motion to recess the regular meeting an enter executive session at 6:00pm. Nancy Howard seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Nachae Jones made a motion to end executive session and resume the regular meeting at 6:16pm. Nancy Howard seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Nancy Howard made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:17pm. Nachae Jones seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

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