& Jonesboro Urban Redevelopment Agency

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 5, 2025 AT 6:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1859 CITY CENTER WAY, JONESBORO, GA 30236

MINUTES

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I. CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order at 6:08 by Santia Fox.

II. ROLL CALL – Santia Fox, Bryan Holmes, Helen Meadows, Jule Segner

Staff: Andrew Simpson

Guest: Faith Akuta

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

IV. PRESENTATION

A. Micro Life Institute – Development of 166 S. Main St. and possible adjacent parcels. There will be a tour on Friday of the development at Clarkston. All DDA members are invited. Santia asked how the parking would be, and Andrew responded that it would follow our zoning standards.

V. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A. Board Members to consider approval of the Financial Statements for a 30-day period ending May 31 and June 30. After Andrew had discussed the financial situation and the CD reaching its term, Bryan made the motion to accept the financials and Helen seconded. The vote was unanimous.

B. Board to consider renewal or withdrawal of CD from Truist Bank. Due to our financial circumstances, Jule motioned to withdraw the CD from Truist Bank and Bryan seconded. The vote to withdraw was unanimous.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. **103 W. Mill St. Roof.** Our Attorney was to look over the contract and make amendments where necessary. Once those amendments were received, Andrew would then return to the contractor for final approval.

B. DDA Properties. Bryan and Santia discussed 217 N. Main St. The structure was pretty good, but the roof did need repair. Andrew would supply a 3rd quote for the roof by September.

C. Rescheduled date for Jonesboro Youth Council Sundown Cinema. Showing Ratatouille. Andrew said that he been in contact with the Youth Council but had received no response. He would try again. If nothing was received within 30 days, the movie would be returned.

D. City Green Rental. Andrew discussed the city green rental fees. Did the board wish to change the fees or keep as agreed in the December 2024 meeting. The board agreed to keep it as is, so no vote was required.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Members to consider approval of the Minutes for June 3 and June 26**. Jule made the motion to agree to the minutes, and Helen seconded. The vote was unanimous.
B. **Rays Place Ribbon Cutting. Thursday August 7. 12pm.** Andrew encouraged all board members to attend. Andrew asked that the DDA wear their shirts.
C. **Georgia Council For the Arts Vibrant Communities Grant.** Closing date Friday August 29. Santia and Kaysie from Arts Clayton would work on this and present at next promotions.
D. **Strictly Phlebotomy ATL Ribbon Cutting.** Friday September 5. 3pm. Andrew encouraged all board members to attend if they were able.
E. **National Voter Registration Block Party**. Tuesday September 16. 3pm to 9pm. Andrew presented the application, but as there was no one to speak on behalf of the event, the vote was tabled.
F. **Networking Lunch at Ray's Place**. September 17. 12pm to 2pm. Andrew had sent the invitation out to businesses to attend.
G. **White Day Party. Saturday September 27**. The application was reviewed.
H. **Smokey and the Bandit Celebration – Saturday October 18.** Jule thought it was pretty cool for Jonesboro. Andrew will have more information at the meeting in September. The city will be working with Arts Clayton.
I. **Cross Culture 365 Ministries – Community Love Fitness & Wellness Day. Sunday October 26**. Jule went over the application and moved to waive the fee. Helen seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
J. **The Starkey Law Group – Invoice for Services Rendered July.** Tabled until September**.**
K. **Dumpster location and quotes for concrete pad and fencing.** Andrew will be presenting 3 bids at the next meeting in September for the board to vote on.

VIII. COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. **Promotion/Organization Committee** – The next meeting would be on August 19 at 6pm.
B. **Design Review Committee** – Faith is currently reviewing applications for the committee.
C. **Historic Preservation Commission** – Faith said that we are looking for new members to serve as currently there is no quorum for the commission.

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. **Executive Director's Report by Andrew Simpson** – Andrew asked if the board had any questions regarding his report and the board said no. Andrew introduced Faith Akuta, our new community development and economic development director.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were no public comments.

XI. BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS – Santia discussed a standalone website from the city. It would have its own portal and platform.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – Jule made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Bryan Seconded. The vote was unanimously passed.