



LAWRENCEVILLE

GEORGIA

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES

Monday, September 12, 2022
6:30 PM

Council Assembly Room
70 S. Clayton St, GA 30046

Call to Order

Chairman Merritt called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm after recognizing a quorum.

PRESENT

Board Member Victoria Jones
Board Member Bruce Johnson
Board Member Joanie Perry Ward
Board Member Katrina Fellows
Board Member Chris Adams
Board Member Jeremy Higginbotham
Board Member Lee Merritt

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by Board Member Perry Ward, Seconded by Board Member Fellows.

Voting Yea: Board Member Jones, Board Member Johnson, Board Member Perry Ward, Board Member Fellows, Board Member Adams, Board Member Higginbotham, Board Member Merritt

Downtown Development Business

1. September 2022 Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve the September 2022 Treasurer's Report made by Board Member Adams, Seconded by Board Member Higginbotham.

Voting Yea: Board Member Jones, Board Member Johnson, Board Member Perry Ward, Board Member Fellows, Board Member Adams, Board Member Higginbotham, Board Member Merritt

2. Redevelopment Peer Tour

Chairman Merritt asked the Board to approve of her attending the upcoming Partnership Gwinnett Redevelopment Peer Tour on November 17 and 18 to Greenville, South Carolina. The cost of the trip \$899.00

Motion to approve Chairman Merritt attending the Partnership Gwinnett Redevelopment Peer Tour on November 17 and 18 at the cost of \$899 made by Board Member Higginbotham, Seconded by Board Member Jones.

Voting Yea: Board Member Jones, Board Member Johnson, Board Member Perry Ward, Board Member Fellows, Board Member Adams, Board Member Higginbotham, Board Member Merritt

3. Discussion Regarding Urban Land Institute Training

Chairman Merritt asked the Board to consider sending Board Member Fellows to the Urban Land Institute Training in Dallas, Texas. The cost for the registration is normally \$2,500, but currently it is \$485.

Motion to use \$2,000 of the DDA Budget for Board Member fellows registration and other details for the Urban Land Institute Training made by Board Member Higginbotham, Seconded by Board Member Adams.

Voting Yea: Board Member Jones, Board Member Johnson, Board Member Perry Ward, Board Member Fellows, Board Member Adams, Board Member Higginbotham, Board Member Merritt

Other Business

Downtown Conference Update by Katrina Fellows - Preservation for 190 Oak Street information - the house needs to be 50 years old or older to be considered for historic preservation grant funds.

Board Member Jones - congratulations to Jasmine Billings for receiving the On the Rise Moxie Award from the Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce.

Mainstreet Business

Jasmine Billings gave the Mainstreet update to the Board.

The Around the World event went very well.

The Southern Wilds Event in the Depot area is coming up in September.

Oktoberfest is coming up on Saturday, October 1st

The Harvest Fest on the Lawn will be held on Saturday, November 12th from 1 pm – 8 pm. It will feature a petting zoo, ax throwing, and hayrides.

Merry Little Christmas is currently being planned. There will not be fireworks with it this year.

Uncle Jack's Tavern has started being open at 11 am for lunch each day.

Citizen Comments

No Citizen Comments.

Executive Session - Real Estate

Motion to enter into Executive Session made by Board Member Merritt, Seconded by Board Member Jones.

Voting Yea: Board Member Jones, Board Member Johnson, Board Member Perry Ward, Board Member Fellows, Board Member Adams, Board Member Higginbotham, Board Member Merritt

Motion to exit Executive Session made by Board Member Merritt, Seconded by Board Member Adams.

Voting Yea: Board Member Jones, Board Member Johnson, Board Member Perry Ward, Board Member Fellows, Board Member Adams, Board Member Higginbotham, Board Member Merritt
Report of items discussed in Executive Session: 7 real estate items discussed: 6 votes taken.

Final Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Board Member Merritt, Seconded by Board Member Higginbotham.

Voting Yea: Board Member Jones, Board Member Johnson, Board Member Perry Ward, Board Member Fellows, Board Member Adams, Board Member Higginbotham, Board Member Merritt

Minutes Signature

Lee Merritt, Chairman

Barry Mock, Secretary