



LAWRENCEVILLE

GEORGIA

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 12, 2021
6:30 PM

Council Assembly Room
70 S. Clayton St, GA 30046

Call to Order

Chairman Merritt called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm after recognizing a quorum.

PRESENT

Board Member Victoria Jones
Board Member Joanie Perry Ward
Board Member Katrina Fellows
Board Member Lee Merritt

ABSENT

Board Member Bruce Johnson
Board Member Jeremy Higginbotham

Approval of Agenda

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

Voting Yea: Board Member Jones, Board Member Perry Ward, Board Member Fellows, Board Member Merritt

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes-Executive Session on March 8, 2021

Motion to approve the March 8, 2021 Executive Session Minutes made by Board Member Merritt, Seconded by Board Member Jones.

Voting Yea: Board Member Jones, Board Member Perry Ward, Board Member Fellows, Board Member Merritt

2. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes-Special Call Meeting on March 25, 2021

Motion to approve the March 25, 2021 Special Call Minutes made by Board Member Jones, Seconded by Board Member Fellows.

Voting Yea: Board Member Jones, Board Member Perry Ward, Board Member Fellows, Board Member Merritt

3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes- Special Call Executive Session on March 25, 2021

Motion to approve the March 8, 2021 Executive Session Minutes made by Board Member Merritt, Seconded by Board Member Jones.

Voting Yea: Board Member Jones, Board Member Perry Ward, Board Member Fellows, Board Member Merritt

Downtown Development Business

4. Approval of March 2021 Treasurer's Report

Motion to table the March 2021 Treasurer's Report made by Board Member Jones, Seconded by Board Member Perry Ward.

Voting Yea: Board Member Jones, Board Member Perry Ward, Board Member Fellows, Board Member Merritt

5. Approval of April 2021 Treasurer's Report

Board Member Fellows, Treasurer of the DDA reviewed the April 2021 Treasurer's Report with the Board.

Motion to approve the April 2021 Treasurer's Report made by Board Member Jones,
Seconded by Board Member Perry Ward.

Voting Yea: Board Member Jones, Board Member Perry Ward, Board Member Fellows, Board Member Merritt

6. Lose Design Depot Area Masterplan

Chairman Merritt reminded the Board that they approved the masterplan for the Depot area to be completed by Lose Design many months ago. It was stalled for various reasons and with all the new ideas coming from the LCI updates it would be good to move forward with the Depot area masterplan simultaneously with the LCI updates. A meeting will be scheduled with Lose Design soon, but not all of the Board will be able to attend to keep under a quorum. Several business owners and others have been asking about the future plans for this area. It is nice there is a high level of interest in the area.

7. LCI Update – website and questionnaire

Chairman Merritt mentioned that the Board members should have received an email regarding the LCI update. LCI stands for Livable Centers Initiative. This is a many month long process. Pond Associates is walking the City through this process and it is completed every five years.

Barry Mock encouraged the Board to pass the emailed information along to others.

Mainstreet Business

Jasmine Billings encouraged the Board to share the LCI information with family and friends in Lawrenceville.

On April 17th the City will be hosting Roadsters & Rescues. Clayton Street will be closed for multiple classic and specialty vehicles being shown. There will be bands on the Lawrenceville Lawn stage, cornhole on the Lawrenceville Lawn and food trucks in the area. We are still encouraging social distancing and keeping to the standards for health and safety guidelines from the CDC.

Social is an expansion from Cosmos Pizza. Social will be more upscale, feature music, specialty meals, etc. It is set to open in the next few months.

Other Business

There were no other business items.

Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

Executive Session - Real Estate

Motion to move into Executive Session made by Board Member Perry Ward, Seconded by Board Member Fellows.

Voting Yea: Board Member Jones, Board Member Perry Ward, Board Member Fellows, Board Member Merritt

Motion to move out of Executive Session made by Board Member Jones, Seconded by Board Member Perry Ward.

Voting Yea: Board Member Jones, Board Member Perry Ward, Board Member Fellows, Board Member Merritt

Report of items discussed in Executive Session: 7 real estate items discussed; 2 votes taken.

Final Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Board Member Jones, Seconded by Board Member Fellows.

Voting Yea: Board Member Jones, Board Member Perry Ward, Board Member Fellows, Board Member Merritt

Minutes Signature

Lee Merritt, Chairman

Barry Mock, Secretary