



Downtown Development Authority

MINUTES

Thursday, January 09, 2020

8:00 AM

City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 8:05 am.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chairman Lisa Anderson
Vice Chair Meredith Malcom
Secretary Andrea Gray
Board Member Whit Holder
Board Member Charles Sanders

ABSENT

Board Member Wesley Sisk
City Council Representative Ross Bradley
Board Member Chris Collin

CITY STAFF

Darrell Stone
Logan Propes
John Howard
Les Russell
Sadie Krawczyk
Leigh Ann Walker

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

DDA December Minutes

Approved - Motion made by Board Member Sanders, Seconded by Secretary Gray.
Voting Yea: Chairman Anderson, Vice Chair Malcom, Secretary Gray, Board Member Holder,
Board Member Sanders

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DDA November Financials

Approved - Motion made by Vice Chair Malcom, Seconded by Board Member Holder.
Voting Yea: Chairman Anderson, Vice Chair Malcom, Secretary Gray, Board Member Holder,
Board Member Sanders

PUBLIC FORUM

Gretchen Christie was a guest from Leadership Walton.

CITY UPDATE

Mr. Propes reported at the city council meeting that SPLOST collections are up 17% over last year, outpacing neighboring counties. Westbound onramp from Charlotte Rowell Blvd. was approved for city portion of funding this month; GOSP grant application for the rails to trails and town green was completed and turned in along with the letter of intent from the railway owner, Mr. Bennie Ray Anderson; parks maintenance is beginning to be taken over by city, they are starting with baseline assessments of what is needed in the immediate; TAP grant for N. Broad, Highland Ave., and Lumpkin is in the engineering phase at this time.

COUNTY UPDATE

No update.

COMMUNITY WORK PLAN &REPORTS

Existing Environment

in the process of creating a written agreement with St. Albans for use of their parking lot for public parking; lights on trees will be up through February; banner designs are being created using local landmarks; the W. Spring Street mural will begin once the weather permits; corridor sign design for Madison and E. Spring in process.

Infill Development

New MPD construction is out for bidding, 8-12 month construction period will begin once contractor is selected; walk through of Bold Springs Kitchen space to get estimates for build out.

Mr. Sanders mentioned that the McDaniel-Tichenor house has a carriage house on the property available for rent.

South on Broad is wanting to rent the smaller space on Washington that is part of their current lease.

Entertainment Draws

2020 Event cards are being designed at this time.

PROGRAMS

Farmers Market

The first FM committee meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, 1/28. Opening day is set for 5/9/20.

FUNDING

SPONSORSHIP - Sponsor Reception and Downtown Awards, Monday, January 27th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm at Wayfarer Music Hall

The board discussed the downtown awards for excellence for 2019 and decided on the following:

Sponsor of the year - Monroe Animal Care Hospital
Volunteer of the year - Camille Garrison
Business of the year - Winged Foot Running
Golden Hammer Award - LR Burger

FACADE GRANTS

None.

COMMUNITY EVENT GRANTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next meeting scheduled, February 13th, at 8:00 am at Monroe City Hall

Main Street Georgia Annual Presentation scheduled for February 7th in Athens, GA.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Board Member Holder, Seconded by Vice Chair Malcom.
Voting Yea: Chairman Anderson, Vice Chair Malcom, Secretary Gray, Board Member Holder, Board Member Sanders