



Downtown Development Authority, Special Called Meeting

Saturday, April 11, 2026 at 9:00 AM

City Hall, 875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083

Minutes

I. Call to Order

1. Carl Wright called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Members Present: Carl Wright, Robert Witherspoon, Thom DeLoach, Anita Bass, Sarah Hage and Bobby Singleton. Michelle Dunbar was absent from the meeting.

- #### **II. Approval of the Agenda:**
- Motion by Anita Bass to approve the agenda, seconded by R. Singleton.
Unanimously approved.

III. New Business

1. New DDA Member Swearing-In Ceremony – Bobby Singleton

- The Honorable Mayor Linder administered the Oath of Office to new DDA member, Robert “Bobby” Singleton.

2. Discussion Item: DDA / Truist Bank Accounts

- The DDA held a brief discussion regarding its bank accounts with Truist, including fees applied to one of the accounts.

3. Discussion Item: DDA Projects: The DDA discussed the following initiatives:

- “Tunes by the Tracks” Event: Main Street Inc. will submit a proposal/agreement for DDA review.
- Art Walk Initiative
- Shared Business Space
- Depot Incubator Program
- Targeted Business Outreach
- Museum Retail (Swag) Items
- Criterium Event (2026)
- “Movies Under the Stars” Series
- Development Opportunities at the Lawn / MARTA Lot

- Main Street Revitalization Efforts
- “Carnival Day at the Lawn” Event
- Strategic Property Acquisition
- Bourbon Festival
- Public Art / Murals Program
- Volunteer Coordination and Business Activation During Events
- City Branding Strategy
- City Landmark / Gateway Feature
- Tax Allocation District (TAD) Initiatives

4. Discussion Item: DDA / Council Joint Meeting – Topics and Coordination

- The DDA Director will send an invitation to the Mayor and Council and confirm their availability for a joint meeting.

IV. Citizen Comments: Mayor Linder thanked the DDA for its commitment to ongoing projects and encouraged the Authority to review how other cities approach economic development initiatives, including the use of TADs.

V. Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, Legal, and/or Real Estate (if needed): There was no executive session.

VI. Adjournment: Motion by Thom DeLoach to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sarah Hage. Unanimously approved.