



Downtown Development Authority Meeting

Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 6:30 PM
922 Main Street, Stone Mountain, GA 30083

Special Called Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

- Carl Wright called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.
- Members Present: Carl Wright, Tom DeLoach, Denise Phillips, Council Member Anita Bass, Robert Witherspoon, Sarah Hage and Michelle Dunbar. The DDA Legal Team also attended in person.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Motion by Thom DeLoach to approve the agenda, seconded by A. Bass. Unanimously approved.

III. Oath of Office Ceremony for DDA Members:

Oaths of Office were administered by the Honorable Mayor Pro Tem, Ryan Smith, for the following Members:

- Thom DeLoach, Reappointed DDA Vice Chair (Term limit: 3/11/2024 to 3/11/2028).
- Michelle Dunbar, Reappointed DDA Member (Term Limit: 3/11/2024 to 3/11/2028).
- Robert Witherspoon, New DDA Member (Term Limit: 12/9/2024 to 5/3/2026).
- Sarah Rasmussen, New DDA Member (Term Limit: 12/9/2024 to 5/3/2026).

IV. Old Business

1. Approval of the 2025 IGA between the City of Stone Mountain and Downtown

Development Authority of Stone Mountain: Motion by Denise Phillips to approve the proposed IGA for FY2025, seconded by Michelle Dunbar. Unanimously approved.

2. Discussion/Action Item: Enhancement Grant Program: there was a brief discussion about the grant.

V. New Business:

1. **BEC/DDA Mardi Gras Agreement for FY2025:** Motion by Tom DeLoach to conditionally approve funding for the proposed Mardi Gras event, in the amount of 25% of the total verified expenses and up to \$5,000.00; the conditional part will be the DDA Attorney to update the proposed agreement between the DDA and BEC (and later the two stakeholder to review/sign), seconded by Michelle Dunbar. Unanimously approved.

2. Discussion/Action Item: Downtown Revitalization Strategy, mTAP Project Agreement:

Motion by Tom Deloach to approve the proposed mTap Program Client Engagement Letter, seconded by Michelle Dunbar. Unanimously approved.

IV. Executive Session to discuss Personnel, Legal, and/or Real Estate

- **Motion by Anita Bass to enter into an Executive Session, seconded by Sarah Hage.**
Unanimously approved.
- **Motion by Anita Bass to exit the Executive Session, seconded by Robert Witherspoon.**
Unanimously approved.

VI. Adjournment:

Motion by Robert Witherspoon to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sarah Hage.
Unanimously approved.

Approved by the Board on: _____
_____ Carl Wright, Chairperson _____ Thom Deloach, Vice Chairperson