



Downtown Development Authority Meeting

Monday, July 27, 2026, at 6:30 PM

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

Minutes

I. Call to Order

1. Carl Wright called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members Present: Chair Carl Wright, Vice Chair Robert Witherspoon, Board Member Bobby Singleton, Board Member Thom DeLoach and Board Member & Council Member Anita Bass were present.
3. Treasurer Sarah Hage and Board Member Michelle Dunbar were absent.

II. Approval of the Agenda: Anita Bass made a motion to approve the agenda, and Bobby Singleton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Approval of Minutes: Anita Bass made a motion to approve the DDA Regular Meeting Minutes from June 22, 2026, and Bobby Singleton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments.

V. Director's Report

1. The DCA Report for June 2026 was presented.
2. Welcome and Introduction of New City Employees: Thatcher Hart (Community Development Director), Elle Walker - (Tourism Manager), and Rick Badie (Communications Specialist) introduced themselves.

VI. Council Report: Anita Bass gave the Council Report mentioning the National Night Out, Davenport financial advisors, establishing the Entertainment District, street paving on James B. Rivers and Stone Mountain Ambassadors.

VII. Old Business

1. DDA Bank Accounts: DDA Bank Accounts: The Members discussed closing bank accounts ending in #1884 and #1892, with the remaining balances from both accounts to be transferred to the DDA's main operating account ending in #1876.
 - Thom DeLoach made a motion to approve the closure of bank accounts #1884 and #1892 and to transfer the remaining balances to the main operating account ending in #1876. Anita Bass seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Anita Bass made a motion to add Thatcher Hart as a signatory on the DDA bank account and Thom DeLoach seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
2. Discussion Item: 955 Main Street- Commercial Grant (Property Owner- Hilda Wells): 955 Main Street Commercial Grant: The DDA discussed the previously approved Commercial Grant application for 955 Main Street. The property owner attended the meeting and requested to

withdraw the grant application. Anita Bass made a motion to approve the withdrawal of the application for a grant, and Bobby Singleton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Discussion Item - DDA Projects: there was a brief discussion about the ideas/projects

VIII. New Business

1. DDA Budget Amendment / 20.5130.52.3850 - Contract Labor: Thom DeLoach made a motion to approve the transfer of \$20,000 from the DDA reserves to Budget Account 20.5130.52.3850 - Contract Labor to fund the new mural on the East Mountain Street wall of Stoned Pizza Kitchen. Bobby Singleton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, Legal, and/or Real Estate (if needed)

- Motion by Council Member Anita Bass to enter into an executive session, seconded by Robert Witherspoon. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Motion by Thom DeLoach to exit the executive session and return to a regular session, seconded by Anita Bass. The motion was unanimously approved.

- X. Adjournment:** Motion by Council Member Anita Bass to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Thom DeLoach. The motion was unanimously approved.