

Downtown Development Authority Meeting



Monday, August 25, 2025 at 6:30 PM

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

Minutes

I. Call to Order

- Carl Wright called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- Members Present: Carl Wright, Robert Witherspoon, Sarah Hage, Denise Phillips and Thom DeLoach. The DDA Legal Counsel also attended the meeting. Council Member Anita Bass and Michelle Dunbar were absent.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Thom DeLoach made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Sarah Hage. Unanimously approved.

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

1. Legal Purposes: Denise Phillips made a motion to enter into an executive session, seconded by Sarah Hage. Unanimously approved.
2. Denise Phillips made a motion to exit the executive session, seconded by Robert Witherspoon. Unanimously approved.
3. Denise Phillips made a motion for the DDA to collaborate and support the City's subpoena to Truist Bank in order to obtain the requested information related to the investigation involving Mayor Beverly Jones, seconded by Thom DeLoach. Unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- **DDA Regular Meeting Minutes, June 30, 2025:** Denise Phillips moved to approve the minutes with the correction that the meeting start time should be listed as 6:30 PM instead of 6:00 PM. Motion seconded by Thom DeLoach. Motion passed unanimously.
- **DDA Special Called Meeting Minutes, July 28, 2025:** Denise Phillips moved to approve the minutes with the correction that the DDA anticipated conducting a TAP study, not another mTAP study. Motion seconded by Thom DeLoach. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Director's Report: the DCA Report for June and July 2025 were presented.

VII. Council Report: Council Member Anita Bass was absent from this meeting.

VIII. Old Business

1. Discussion / Action Item: Stone Mountain, Commercial Buildout Grant Program
 - Robert Witherspoon moved to approve the proposed program, contingent upon the DDA Attorney's review and finalization, seconded by Sarah Hage. Unanimously approved.

IX. New Business

1. **Discussion / Action Item: Approval of Finalist for Mural Project**

- Denise Phillips moved to approve Alexandra Sorto as a finalist for the mural project, with the condition that the mural message reference Stone Mountain Village rather than the City of Stone Mountain, seconded by Robert Witherspoon. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion / Action Item: Tunes by the Tracks Concerts, 2025

- There was a brief discussion.

3. Discussion / Action Item: TAP Application

- There was a brief discussion.

X. Adjournment

- Motion by Denise Phillips to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sarah Hage. Unanimously approved.

Approved: _____

Carl Wright, Chairperson

Robert Witherspoon, Vice Chairperson