



Downtown Development Authority Meeting

Monday, October 27, 2025 at 6:30 PM

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

Agenda

I. Call to Order

1. Attendee Name / Attendee Participation (Present, absent, late for this meeting):

Chair Carl Wright
Vice Chair Robert Witherspoon
Treasurer Denise Phillips
Board Member Sarah Hage
Board Member Michelle Dunbar
Board Member Thom DeLoach
Board Member & Council Member Anita Bass

II. Approval of the Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

- [1.](#) DDA Regular Meeting Minutes, September 29, 2025

IV. Citizen Comments

V. Director's Report

VI. Council Report

VII. Old Business

1. Discussion Item: TAP Application
2. Discussion Item: Marketing/Branding ideas
- [3.](#) Discussion Item: DDA Meeting Calendar 2025 - Updates Needed

VIII. New Business

1. Discussion Item: DDA Financials
2. Discussion Item: DDA-Sponsored Projects / Signs
3. Discussion Item: Commercial Buildout/Enhancement Grant Applications

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

X. Adjournment

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Minutes

I. Call to Order

- Robert Witherspoon called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
 - **Members Present:** Robert Witherspoon, Denise Phillips, Michelle Dunbar, and Councilmember Anita Bass.
 - **Members Absent:** Carl Wright, Sarah Hage, and Thom DeLoach.
 - The DDA Legal Counsel was also in attendance.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Denise Phillips made a motion to approve the agenda with the following amendments: to postpone the TAP discussion to a future meeting and to add a discussion and possible approval of a DDA subcommittee responsible for overseeing the commercial grant applications. The motion was seconded by Michelle Dunbar and unanimously approved.

III. Approval of Minutes

1. **DDA Regular Meeting Minutes - August 25, 2025:** Motion by Councilmember Bass to approve the minutes, seconded by Michelle Dunbar. Unanimously approved.

IV. Citizen Comments: No comments.

V. Director's Report: The monthly DCA report was presented.

VI. Council Report: Councilmember Anita Bass provided a brief report on the last Council meeting.

VII. Old Business

1. **Discussion Item - Mural Project:** Motion by Denise Phillips to pause the mural project, seconded by Michelle Dunbar. Unanimously approved.
2. **Action Item - DDA Grant Subcommittee:** Michelle Dunbar made a motion to appoint the following members to serve on the subcommittee: Maggie Dimov, Tamaya Huff, Elisabeth Richmond, Robert Witherspoon, and Denise Phillips. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bass and unanimously approved.
3. **Discussion Item - TAP Application:** Discussion postponed to a future meeting.

VIII. New Business

1. **Discussion Item - Strategic Planning Session / Goals for 2025:** The DDA's goals for 2025 include the creation of a commercial grant program, obtaining an mTAP study with an emphasis on downtown revitalization, and implementing a mural project. Motion by Councilmember Bass to approve the proposed goals, seconded by Michelle Dunbar. Unanimously approved.
2. **Discussion/Action Item - DDA Budget, FY2026:** Motion by Councilmember Bass to approve the proposed DDA budget for FY2026 in the total amount of \$433,500.00, seconded by Michelle Dunbar. Unanimously approved.
3. **DDA RLF (Downtown Revolving Loan Fund) - 947 Main Street:** Denise Phillips made a motion to approve the DDA initiative supporting Jonathan Hartnett and his new business, *Live Oak Restaurant*, in applying for a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bass and unanimously approved.

4. **Discussion Item - Stone Mountain Crit:** Brief discussion held.
5. **Discussion Item - Speed Week:** Brief discussion held.
6. **Discussion Item - Trip to Carrollton:** Brief discussion held.

IX. Executive Session: No Executive Session was held.

X. Adjournment: Motion by Denise Phillips to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Michelle Dunbar.
Unanimously approved.

CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

**875 Main Street,
Stone Mountain, GA 30083**

2025 Regular Meeting Calendar

*Regular meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month, at 6:30 PM unless otherwise noted. The DDA meetings are held at Stone Mountain City Hall located at:
875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, GA 30083.*

January 27

February 24

March 24

April 28

*Tuesday, May 27 (due to Memorial Day Holiday)

June 30

July 28

August 25

September 29

October 27

*Monday, November 20 (due to Thanksgiving Holiday week)

*Monday, December 10 (due to Christmas Holiday week)