



DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF DULUTH

3167 MAIN ST
DULUTH, GA 30096

JANUARY 16, 2024, at 5:30PM

AUTHORITY MEMBERS:

Ken Odum, Chair	Fred Butler
Jim Graham, Vice Chair	Tammy Lopez
Richard Meehan, Secretary	Robb Watson
Slade Lail, Treasurer	

PRESENT:

Ken Odum, Chair	Fred Butler
Richard Meehan, Secretary	Tammy Lopez
Slade Lail, Treasurer	Robb Watson

ABSENT:

Jim Graham, Vice Chair

I. CALL TO ORDER

DDA Chair Ken Odum called the January 16, 2024, meeting to order at 5:31pm.

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Lail and seconded by Mr. Butler to approve the December 19, 2023; meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor.

IV. RED CLAY REPORT

Eddie Owen came forward and presented several items. In December there were 16 shows in total and 2,951 people in attendance. To date, there have been 1,945 shows with 214,918 in attendance. Three of the four major SPLOST projects are underway. The HVAC system will be finished Friday, the ice machine and cooler have been installed and the sound system should be completed by the end of March. The carpets and seats are being bid on by 6 companies.

V. FINANCE REPORT

Ken Sakmar was not at the meeting to provide an update, will update the group at the next meeting.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. PLACER REPORT

Jessica Bianchi provided an update on how the city uses Pacer and how we compare to the cities closest to us.

B. KNOX HOUSE UPDATE

Chris McGahee updated the authority on the Knox House project.

C. TAYLOR PARK PROGRESS

Chris McGahee furnished the DDA with a progress update on Taylor Park.

D. THRIVE PARKING LOT COMPLETION

Chris McGahee gave an update on the completion of the THRIVE parking lot.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. HOTEL/DECK UPDATE ANNUAL MEETING

Chris McGahee informed the group that the annual condominium association meeting for the hotel is scheduled for March 6th at 10am.

B. FOUR WAY STOP HILL STREET

Chris McGahee updated the group on an upcoming 4-way stop being installed at Hill Street and Parkridge Lane. This will be before Everleigh and will come out at Duluth Cemetery.

C. REAL TIME PARKING DATA POSSIBILITY


Chris McGahee gave the DDA an update on a new program the city has talked to developer about that will give real time parking data. Staff will continue to gather info and come back to the group with more information.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – NO MEETING NECESSARY

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Meehan and seconded by Mr. Watson to adjourn the regular session of the DDA. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:14pm.

The next regularly scheduled DDA meeting is February 20, 2024.


 Co-Chairman, ~~Ken Odum~~
 JAMES A. GRANTON
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 Secretary, Richard Meehan