



DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF DULUTH

3167 MAIN ST
DULUTH, GA 30096

FEBRUARY 20, 2024, at 5:30PM

AUTHORITY MEMBERS:

Ken Odum, Chair
Jim Graham, Vice Chair
Richard Meehan, Secretary
Slade Lail, Treasurer

Fred Butler
Tammy Lopez
Robb Watson

PRESENT:

Jim Graham, Vice Chair
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ABSENT:

Ken Odum, Chair
Robb Watson

I. CALL TO ORDER

DDA Vice Chair Jim Graham called the February 20, 2024, meeting to order at 5:30pm.

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Lail, seconded by Mr. Meehan, to approve the January 16, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor.

IV. RED CLAY REPORT

Eddie Owen came forward and presented several items. In January there were 11 shows in total and 2,206 people in attendance. To date, there have been 1,959 shows with 218,837 in attendance. The initial sound installation has started, and the cabinets will be installed in April along with staff training

V. FINANCE REPORT

Ken Sakmar advised the member the annual excess funds from the PILOT payment on the Mathias building have been deposited into the DDA's account. He also advised the annual insurance had been renewed on the parking deck and will work with Rob Ponder in the April renewal of the condominium insurance.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. TAYLOR PARK

Chris McGhee provided an update on the Taylor Park project. The Gigglebark playable art project and the surrounding play areas are open.

B. DOWNTOWN PROJECT UPDATE

Chris McGahee updated the authority on the ongoing downtown projects.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. PLACER AI PRESENTATION

Jessica Bianchi gave a presentation on the Placer AI software for downtown Duluth and how it compares to other surrounding cities.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – NO MEETING NECESSARY

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Meehan, seconded by Mr. Butler, to adjourn the regular session of the DDA. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:44pm.

The next regularly scheduled DDA meeting is March 19, 2024.

Chairman, Ken Odum

Secretary, Richard Meehan

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