

Duluth



DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF DULUTH

3167 MAIN ST
DULUTH, GA 30096

JANUARY 17, 2023, 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	Robb Watson
Jim Graham, Vice Chair	Fred Butler
Richard Meehan, Secretary (arrived 534)	Tammy Lopez
Slade Lail, Treasurer	

ABSENT:

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. DDA Chair Ken Odum called the January 17, 2023, meeting to order at 5:30pm.

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. DDA Chair Odum requested approval of the minutes from the November 15, 2022, meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Graham and seconded by Mr. Watson to approve the November 15th meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor.

IV. RED CLAY REPORT

A. Eddie Owen presented December had 15 shows, 2,381 people; to date 1,788 shows and 196,001 people. December had 1 show cancel due to COVID.

V. FINANCE REPORT

A. Ken Sakmar provided an update on the progress of the authority accounts.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. EV Installation Update – Chris McGahee updated the authority on the progress of the installation progress to the group. The installer informed the city that a pedestal unit was needed to make the charging stations a better option for our set up. The pedestals are an additional \$722.00.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lopez and seconded by Mr. Meehan to approve budget amendment as presented. All voted in favor.

B. Thrive Update – Chris McGahee updated the authority on the progress of the building.

C. Paver Lot Update – Chris McGhaee gave an update on the paver lot project and timeline. Main Street will be closed for at least a week for paving.

D. CoHatch Update – Chris McGahee updated the authority on the CoHatch project and timeline.

E. Davenport Road Extension Update – Chris McGahee let the authority know that the Davenport Road Extension project has started.

F. Website Update – Jessica Bianchi updated authority on the opportunity to update the website to a safer more user-friendly site. The city will bring cost and plan information back to the authority at the next meeting.

G. Art Installation Nacho Daddy - Chris McGahee updated the group on the art installation that has been completed on the front street windows at Nacho Daddy.


H. Placer ai – Chris McGahee and Jessica Bianchi updated the authority on the use of the program and the projected use of the program in the future.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Meehan and seconded by Mr. Lail to adjourn the regular session of the DDA. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.

The next regularly scheduled DDA meeting is February 21, 2023.



Chairman, Ken Odum



Secretary, Richard Meehan

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