



DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF DULUTH

3167 MAIN ST
DULUTH, GA 30096

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023, 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:

Ken Odum, Chair
Jim Graham, Vice Chair
Richard Meehan, Secretary (5:36pm)
Slade Lail, Treasurer

Fred Butler
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ABSENT:

I. CALL TO ORDER

DDA Chair Ken Odum called the September 19, 2023 meeting to order at 5:31pm.

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Graham and seconded by Mr. Watson to approve the August 15, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Graham, Lail, Butler, Lopez, Watson and Odum All voted in favor.

IV. RED CLAY REPORT

Eddie Owen came forward and presented several items. In July there were 10 shows in total and 1,420 people in attendance. To date, there have been 1,890 shows with 208,409 in attendance. Red Clay Theater will be dark for the Fall Festival concert and Fall Festival weekend.

V. FINANCE REPORT

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

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. DUMPSTER CLUSTERS MAINTENANCE COMPLETION REPORT

Economic Development Director Chris McGahee provided an update of the planned maintenance items for the downtown dumpsters.

B. THRIVE PARKING LOT STATUS

Chris McGahee presented the progress of the project including information on how this will be utilized during Fall Festival.

C. EV PARKING SPACE PAINTING UPDATE

Jessica Bianchi presented the authority with an update of the completed project.

D. BRANDED MERCHANDISE UPDATE

Jessica Bianchi presented the Downtown Development Authority with an update on branded merchandise for the city. She will continue to work on a plan on this and keep the authority updated.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. EYE CANDY ART FAÇADE GRANT

Jessica Bianchi presented the Art Façade Grant that Eye Candy studios has submitted and completed for their second location on West Lawrenceville Street. The mural cost is \$4,248 in total and the façade grant would be for \$2,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Butler and seconded by Mr. Watson to approve the Art Façade Grant for Eye Candy Art Studio. All voted in favor.

B. FALL FESTIVAL PREPARATIONS

Chris McGahee discussed with the authority the preparations made with the Fall Festival for the upcoming event.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – NO MEETING NECESSARY

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Vice Chair Jim Graham and seconded by Secretary Richard Meehan to adjourn the regular session of the DDA. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:36pm.

The next regularly scheduled DDA meeting is October 17, 2023.

Chairman, Ken Odum

Secretary, Richard Meehan

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