

Downtown Development Authority  
Minutes  
June 17th, 2024

Members present: Andrea McCranie, Sammy Young, Paula McCain, Willie Mae Nash, Wynnon Pittman, Lorraine Aguayo

Others attending: Pam McCranie, Lindsey Craven, Justin and Nicole Barnett, Ronald Bacelo, Matt Oxley, Ellery Aguayo, Spence Barron, Rita Llop

Call To Order by Andrea McCranie  
Invocation by Sammy Young  
Pledge to the American Flag

Accept the Agenda-

Motion was made by Wynnon to move Executive Session to item #1 on the Agenda with a second by Lorraine. The motion carried.

The Agenda was approved as ammended

A motion was made by Wynnon Pittman with a Second by Lorraine Aguayo to go into Executive Session. The motion carried.

The Authority entered into Executive Session for the purpose of property acquisition.

A motion was made by Wynnon with a Second by Sammy to come out of Executive Session. The Motion carried.

The following officers were elected:

Chair- Andrea McCranie

Vice Chair- Lorraine Aguayo,

Secretary- Paula McCain with assistance from the Vice Chair.

Treasurer- Willie Mae Nash

A discussion was had concerning email accounts for each member. Lorraine presented a quote from Matt Oxley on the cost of a website and emails for each member. A motion was made by Wynnon and Second by Lorraine to table the topic for discussion at the Work Session.

Following a motion by Wynnon and a Second by Paula it was voted that a Work Session will be held on July 9<sup>th</sup> at 4: 00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

The Leave It Better nonprofit organization requested a loan of \$10,000 to purchase blank bricks for the Pocket Park so they can complete that portion of the project. They have been notified that they have been approved for a \$10,000 grant that could potentially become a grant in the amount of \$50,000. Upon receiving these funds the Leave It Better organization can then repay this interest free loan in full. A motion to move forward with the interest free loan was made by Wynnon with a Second by Paula and Lorraine. The motion passed.

### **New Business**

Andrea McCranie mentioned that she will be attending the meeting for SPLOST funds request being hosted by the County on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. She asked that each member of the Authority compile a list of potential projects to present to the Board of Commissioners and share this information with her by Thursday.

Following a Motion by Paula McCain and Second by Sammy Young a Façade Grant Application was approved for Mark Doss in the amount of \$1,500.00.

There was no formal Financial Report available but a verbal report was given. Chair McCranie will provide a P&L format for Mrs. Nash to use as the guide for future Financial Reports.

A motion was made by Wynnon Pittman with a Second by Sammy Young for the DDA to host a Comedy Show on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the Magnolia Theatre. The cost will be no less than \$25.00 and no more than \$100.00 and Comedial Dale Jones will be the entertainment for the event. The Peacock House has agreed to donate accommodations for the evening for Mr. Jones. There are developing plans for preshow and postshow parties with details for be released soon. The cost of the Comedian is \$2000.

A motion was made by Wynnon Pittman with a Second by Sammy Young for the DDA to host a 50/50 Raffle at the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks event. The Chamber of Commerce will be handling the Americana accessories. Donny Screw and the Georgia Chryslers, will be performing and the County has agreed to sponsor the Performance. There will be food trucks in attendance at the event.

It was brought before the Authority to have a discussion concerning the By-Laws and Code of Ethics at the Work Session.

Following a motion by Wynnon and a Second by Lorraine, the meeting was adjourned

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Andrea McCranie, Chairman

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Paula McCranie, Secretary