

# **Eastman Downtown Development Authority**

## **Board of Directors Minutes**

**Date:** May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Place:** Eastman City Hall

**Board of Directors Present:** Wynnon Pittman, Andrea McCranie, Paula McCain, Sammy Young, Willie Nae Nash, Mark Studstill, Lorraine Aguayo **Attorney:** Rita Llop

**Invocation:** Led by Mark Studstill

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Chair Wynnon Pittman

**Agenda:** Paula McCain made a motion to amend the agenda with a second from Andrea McCranie to add "2. Meeting time change in bylaws" under New Business. Motion carried. Paula McCain made a motion to approve the amended agenda, with a second from Andrea McCranie. Motion carried.

**Minutes:** Paula McCain made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Andrea McCranie. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Wynnon Pittman presented the financial report. Mark Studstill approved the financial with a second by Paula.

### **Old Business**

- Wynnon Pittman gave an update on the wholesale property. Spencer Barron said the city may be interested in buying the property, however, may not offer as much as if DDA gets it cleaned up and sells it to the public.
- Lorraine will join the Façade grant committee with Willie Nae Nash. Lorraine discussed that the application for this grant needs more details from applicants.
- BJ Hartley provides his survey of the alley way to the board. His findings show that the alleyway is owned by the city. However, some businesses have built improvements into the alleyway. He advises that the board negotiates for everyone's best interest in scenarios where business owners have built into the alleyway. The alleyway committee will present a plan for the alleyway project at the next DDA meeting, then at the City Council meeting.
- There will be a Skating Rink Committee meeting on Wednesday at 3pm to discuss details of the rental agreement. No further action was taken at this time.
- After the upcoming annual audit in September, Frank will be doing the DDA annual audit at the same time as the city audit moving forward. This audit will go back 3 years for grant purposes.

- Paula McCain said an invitation to the rural zone designation meeting will be sent out to all interested parties.
- Rita Llop handed out the updated bylaws for the council.
- For the website, Lorraine Aguayo will present a draft of an updated cover letter for the DDA application at the next meeting.
- Lorraine Aguayo will share the "Downtown Development Authority of Eastman, Georgia" Facebook with Paula McCain and Andrea McCranie. Lorraine proposed a discussion about posting deals, sales, and events.

#### New Business

- Lorraine Aguayo made a motion to donate \$1000 to the Leave it better mural, with a second by Paula McCain. Motion carried.
- The new date for meetings will be the first Tuesday each month at 6pm. This takes effect for the June meeting.

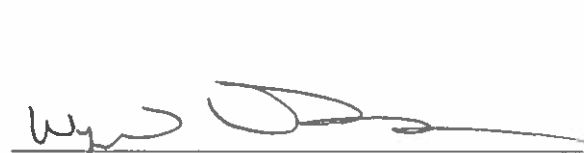
#### No public comments

#### Authority comments

- Wynnon reached out to local businesses for guidance on sources of income.

With no further business to discuss, Wynnon Pittman proposed to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Andrea McCranie with a second by Sammy Young.

#### Meeting adjourned



Wynnon Pittman, Chairperson



Paula McCain, Secretary