

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TAKEN AT A
REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2020.

Those present: Miles Matt, Jim Keaty, Lisa Thomas, Mike Delcambre, Ross Fontenot, Gus Rezende and Greg Walls

DDA Staff present: Anita Begnaud, Amy Trahan, and Rachel Holland

DDA / DLU Staff attending via Zoom Teleconference: Hunter Hebert, Maureen Dugas Foster, and Matthew Holland

Others present: Brad Robin, Corey Jack, Sam Oliver, Lester Gauthier, Kim Boudreaux, and Leigh Rachel

Others present attending via Zoom Teleconference: Brett Mellington, Carlee Alm-LaBar, Kevin Blanchard, Geoff Daily, Katy Dupre, and Glenn Lazard

The meeting was called to order by Matt.

Public comment process is attached to the end of the agenda for individuals wishing to address the Board on agenda items. Request to speak must be submitted prior to discussion of the item. Individuals are allowed three minutes for comments.

Administrative Approvals/Reports

May Minutes - The May Minutes were presented for approval. Fontenot motioned to approve as presented, Keaty seconded, all voted in favor.

April 2020 Financials - The April 2020 Financials were presented for approval. Keaty motioned to approve as presented, Fontenot seconded, all voted in favor.

Agenda - June 4, 2020 Meeting Agenda was presented for approval. Keaty motioned to attach the June 4, 2020 Meeting Agenda to the minutes as presented, Rezende seconded, all voted in favor.

Credit Card Authorization

Matt noted that requirements for application for a credit card require that board officers be stated for the record. Matt noted that Miles Matt is the President and Chairman of the Board and Lisa Thomas is the Secretary/Treasurer for the Lafayette Centre Development District dba Downtown Development Authority.

Resolution – Resolution to recognize Miles Matt as President and Lisa Thomas as Secretary/Treasurer was presented for approval. Keaty motioned to approve resolution, Fontenot seconded, all voted in favor.

Homeless Update

Kim Boudreaux with Catholic Charities and Leigh Rachel with Acadiana Coalition on Homelessness and Housing addressed the board on the impact of COVID-19 on homelessness in Lafayette. Boudreaux noted that in March of 2020 339 people were experiencing homelessness in Lafayette with 261 shelter beds available. Boudreaux also noted that as of June 2020 there was

a 62% increase in homelessness in Lafayette and a 69% decrease in shelter beds. Rachel noted that there was a 193% increase in family homelessness in 2 months during the COVID crisis which includes 79 children who are currently being housed in hotels. Rachel noted Post COVID-19 homelessness will look very different in Lafayette. Rachel predicts a 417% increase in unsheltered people in Lafayette. Rachel referenced the Enterprise Community Partners report which estimates that \$54,511,999 of rental assistance will be necessary to stabilize housing in Lafayette through December of 2020. Both Rachel and Boudreaux, urged DDA Board members to call their elected officials to ask for help in the form of rent, mortgage, and utility assistance from local, state, and federal officials.

CEO Update

Infrastructure Report - Matt noted that DDA initiated the report to determine how much the Downtown District generates in taxes for Lafayette Consolidated Government versus the amount of investment in infrastructure that the Lafayette Consolidated Government spent in the Downtown District during the last eight years and plans for investment for the next 5 years. Matt noted that only the taxes that could be spent on infrastructure were considered in the report. Begnaud noted that the report determined that only 7% of the taxes generated in the Downtown District come back to the district to maintain roads, sidewalks, drainage, and parks to maintain LCG owned infrastructure. Begnaud noted that large scale developments will require improvements in the infrastructure. Begnaud also noted that many small businesses in the district are concerned with flooding due to the aging infrastructure in the district. Matt noted that this report will be a useful tool to advocate for more funding in the district to improve infrastructure and facilitate development.

OFCH – Begnaud noted that prior to the May board meeting, DDA was made aware of OFCH, LLC's plan to change the development from mixed-use to 100% residential. Begnaud noted that herself and board chairman Miles Matt met with EJ Krampe of OFCH, LLC and asked him to reconsider this change and include some amount of commercial space. Begnaud noted that to date DDA has not been asked for input from any party including OFCH, LLC, the Mayor-President's office, or the Council's Office.

Vermilion Lofts - Begnaud noted that 12 residential tenants have moved in.

Buchanan Parking Garage – Begnaud noted that panel removal was complete. Begnaud also noted that the next step will be water-blasting the structure which was expected to begin soon.

Main Street - Begnaud noted that she has been in communication with APC and LCG about making appropriate edits to scope to determine which edits are necessary to get approved by DOTD.

Millage – Begnaud noted that she has received notice from Conrad Comeaux with the Assessor's office that valuations for millage assessment will be delayed. Begnaud noted that this may require a special meeting to vote on millage rates later in the Fall.

Reports/Updates

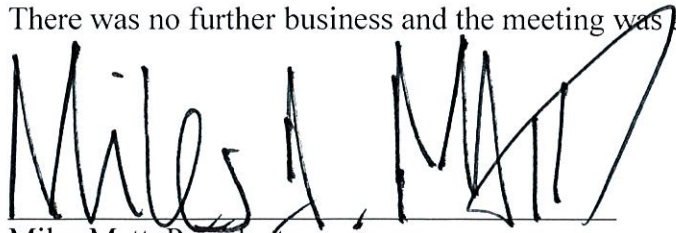
PD Security Update - Robin noted that police have seen an increase of crime in downtown. Robin noted that most criminals have been caught soon after the crime was reported. Robin asked that with the impending Tropical Storm Cristobal downtown property owners please report

any local street flooding to the police. Robin noted that LPD can help with street closures to deter flooding into businesses.

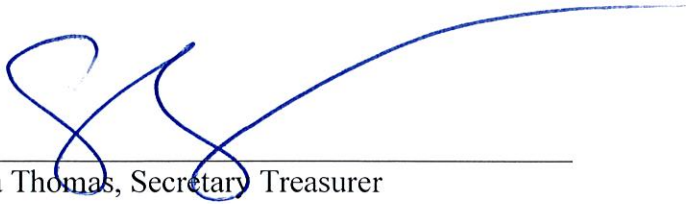
Councilman Update - None.

Business Development - None.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Miles A. Matt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Miles Matt, President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Lisa Thomas, Secretary Treasurer

AGENDA
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 7:30 AM

Le Centre Conference Room, 735 Jefferson Street

Via Teleconference Pursuant to Proclamation No. 30 JBE2020, Sect. 4

To participate in the meeting, use the following link or phone number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83021951386?pwd=L0RWV1ZjdGlwRzFCeTJXVlcwVDMrUT09>

+1 646 558 8656 US

Meeting ID: 830 2195 1386

Password: 054465

If you have questions regarding an agenda item and you would like to submit them in advance, please send to amy@downtownlafayette.org

7:30	Call to Order	Matt
------	---------------	------

Public comment process is attached to the end of this agenda for individuals wishing to address the Board on agenda items. Request to speak must be submitted prior to discussion of the item. Individuals are allowed three minutes for comments.

7:32	Homeless update	Rachal/Boudreaux
------	-----------------	------------------

7:55	Infrastructure investment report	Matt
------	----------------------------------	------

8:05	Board materials for approval	Matt
	A. May board meeting minutes	
	B. April 2020 financials	
	C. Credit card authorization	

8:10	CEO update	Begnaud
------	------------	---------

8:20	Reports/updates	Matt
	A. Operations	
	B. Business development	
	C. Councilmen update	

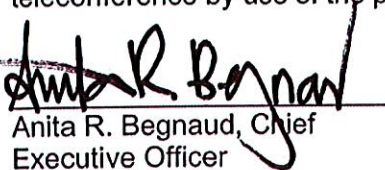
D. P.D. security downtown

8:30

Adjournment

Matt

Pursuant to Proclamation No. 30 JBE2020, Sect. 4 of the Executive Department of the State of Louisiana, 17 March, 2020, as amended, supplemented and extended by Proclamation No. 37JBE2020, 26 March, 2020, I hereby certify that as a result of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Downtown Development Authority is unable to operate due to physical quorum requirements. Therefore, the meeting requirement is changed for the meeting to be held on the 9th day of April, 2020 beginning at 7:30 a.m., to provide for attendance of board members, staff and the public via teleconference by use of the procedure outlined at the top of the agenda.


Anita R. Begnaud, Chief
Executive Officer

6/1/20
Date

ACCESSING DDA BOARD MEETINGS & PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURES

Topic: DDA Board Meeting (May 2020)

Time: June 4, 2020 07:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Accessing May 2020 DDA Board Meeting:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83021951386?pwd=L0RWWV1ZJdGJwRzFCeTJXVlcwVDMrUT09>

+1 646 558 8656 US

Meeting ID: 830 2195 1386

Password: 054465

Public Comment Procedures:

If you DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK, but wish to state your support for or opposition to an item:

- Submit your comments via email to amy@downtownlafayette.org
- You must email your request to speak prior to the calling of the agenda item to be recognized
- In your email message, you must include the agenda item, your name and your position (for or against)

If you DO WISH TO SPEAK:

- Public comments will be received via email to amy@downtownlafayette.org
- You must email your request to speak prior to the calling of the agenda item to be recognized

- In your email message, you must include the agenda item, your name and your position (for or against)
- Once the applicable agenda item is read during the meeting, you will be called to speak, in the order that your request was received
- The 3-minute rule will apply

Please be advised that while social distancing and other requirements are in place, some matters have been suspended to focus on essential business. While holding public meetings, safety guidelines will be implemented.