

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TAKEN AT A
REGULAR MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024, at 7:45 AM.

Those present: Scott Chappuis, Marie Centanni, Denice Skinner, Gregory Walls, Miles Matt, and Nathanael Johnson

Those absent: none

DDA staff present: Rachel Holland and Amy Trahan

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 the discussion of the item. Individuals are allowed three minutes for comments.

Matt welcomed newly elected Councilman of District Kenneth Boudreaux.

Matt welcomed Jaci Russo to the Board of Directors.

Administrative Approvals/Reports

December Regular Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Skinner motioned to approve as presented, Walls seconded, all voted in favor.

October Financials – Walls motioned to approve October Financials, Skinner seconded, all voted in favor.

CEO Search Update

Matt noted that application deadline has been set as January 15, 2024. Matt further noted that the following five candidates will be interviewed next week; Hunter Hebert, Bryan Dupre, Brittany Deal, Marc Mouton, and Cydra Wingarter.

Updates

LPD update – Captain Leblanc updated the board on incidents in the district during December 2023.

EDD Update – Blanchard updated the board on January 2024 report for the Downtown EDD.

One Acadiana – Beinvenu noted that ten applicants are moving forward in the Small Business Challenge. Beinvenud noted that the pitch competition will be held on February 9. Beinvenu noted that winners will be announced on January 19th.

DLU – Hauerwas updated DDA on upcoming DLU programming.

Councilman Boudreaux – Councilman Boudreaux noted that his goal moving into 2024 is to secure the finances of LCG. Boudreaux noted that LCG may be beyond its bonding capacity. Boudreaux noted that the new CFO will be working with Kolder Slaven to determine this in the coming weeks. Boudreaux further noted that the new administration is meeting with Lemoine and Johnny Blancher regarding the City Court redevelopment project. Boudreaux also noted that

he is working with Jeff Stewart about sewage capacity. Boudreaux further noted that he will attend as many DDA board meetings as possible.

Director Update

Holland provided a report to the board on ongoing projects including 400 Block electrical upgrades, Main Street, Congress Street, Parc Sans Souci Playground, Parc International Improvements, Parc de Lafayette, Vermilion Garage Public Restrooms, Residental market study, Capital Outlay Project with Design Workshop, Railroad Property Redevelopment planning and analysis, Johnston Street, Jefferson Street landscaping, Homeless to Housed Initiative, and ETRT Economic Action plan.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Other Business

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned.