

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TAKEN AT A
REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020.

Those present: Miles Matt, Ross Fontenot, Michael Delcambre, Lisa Thomas, Jim Keaty, Gus Rezende, and Gregory Walls (Note: Ross Fontenot entered after all administrative report votes were taken)

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

DLU Staff present: Maureen Dugas Foster, Cali Comeaux

Others present: Brett Mellington, Sam Oliver

Others present via Zoom Teleconference: Michelle Ezell, Ben Donsky, Howard Kozloff, Matthew Thibodeaux, Carlee Alm-Labar, Maggi Bienvenu, and Kevin Blanchard

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

September Regular Meeting Minutes - September Regular Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Keaty motioned to approve as presented, Rezende seconded, all voted in favor. Ross Fontenot was not present for vote.

September Special Meeting Minutes - September Special Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Keaty motioned to approve as presented, Rezende seconded, all voted in favor. Ross Fontenot was not present for vote.

August 2020 Financials - August 2020 Financials were presented for approval. Keaty motioned to approve as presented, Rezende seconded, all voted in favor. Ross Fontenot was not present for vote.

Agenda - Keaty motioned to attach the October Meeting Agenda to the October minutes, Rezende seconded, all voted in favor. Ross Fontenot was not present for vote.

Agora Update

Holland introduced Ben Donsky and Howard Kozloff with Agora who is consulting on a business plan for the Downtown Parcs Network. Donsky noted that Agora's work primarily focuses placemaking in public spaces. Donsky noted they approach parks and public spaces as a tool for economic development. Donsky noted they are analyzing partnerships with DDA and the City/Parish regarding the Downtown Parcs. Donsky noted that Lafayette's unique culture, Festival International, and compact size of its downtown is ideal for placemaking. Donsky further noted that the existing Parcs agreement with DLU is a good foundational document for partnerships moving forward.

CUP Recommendation

CUP Board Chair, Walls noted that the committee is requesting the board recommend approval of an application to the zoning commission and city council for the Conditional Use Permit for Beausoleil Books' companion wine bar, The Whisper Room. Walls noted that the committee believes the wine bar will diversify the downtown bar makeup and activate the 5pm to 10pm timeslot downtown furthering the vibrancy of the district.

Cup Recommendation - Fontenot motioned to support the CUP Committee's recommendation to approve the application to the zoning commission and city council for the Conditional Use Permit for Beausoleil Books' companion wine bar, The Whisper Room, Rezende seconded, all voted in favor. Ross Fontenot was not present for vote.

CEO Update

Begnaud noted she is scheduling an October meeting to discuss next steps on Main Street. Begnaud noted that the Old Federal Courthouse project's contractor The Lemoine Company has issued a call for bids for subcontractors. Begnaud noted that there should be an update on this project at the October 6 Council meeting. Begnaud noted that the estimated timeframe of 1 year for repairs and re-opening of the Buchanan Street Parking Garage. Begnaud further noted that an RFP for the adjacent parcels is expected to be issued today. Begnaud noted that the Downtown UDC subcommittee has met numerous times and consensus was to only make small tweaks to the Downtown section of the code at this time. Begnaud noted that the congestion, minor curfew, and open container ordinances were indefinitely deferred. Begnaud noted that she will be serving as Vice Chair of the Shared Mobility Device committee. Begnaud noted that she is working with LCG Assistant Attorney to craft an inter-governmental agreement between LCG and DDA to operate and maintain Parc de Lafayette. Begnaud further noted that Board members interested in running for Chairman or Secretary/Treasurer should notify the full board via email no later than October 16.

Reports/Updates

Operations – Hebert noted that the new trash cans have been deployed throughout the district. Hebert noted that the Vermilion Street Parking Garage cleaning and pressure washing has begun. Hebert noted that hydro-seeding of Parc San Souci will begin in two weeks. Hebert noted that the new skater friendly benches are now in place in Parc San Souci and have been a huge hit so far. Hebert further noted that flooding issues in the Tsunami back parking lot have been resolved due to coordination with Public Works and IBERIABANK.

Councilman – Not Present

LPD Downtown Security – Not Present

Other Business

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

8:25 CEO update Begnaud

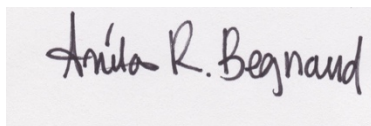
- A. Main Street
- B. OFCH
- C. Buchanan Garage
- D. Buchan Redevelopment Site RFP
- E. LPTFA updates
- F. Sewage lift station
- G. Monroe Apartments
- H. UDC
- I. Ordinances impacting Downtown
- J. Shared Mobility Devices (bike share and scooters)
- K. Election of Officers notice

8:35 Reports/updates Matt

- A. Development and planning update
- B. Operations update
- C. Councilman update
- D. LPD security update

8:45 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 1st day of October, 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.



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Anita R. Begnaud, Chief
Executive Officer

Date

ACCESSING DDA BOARD MEETINGS & PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURES

Accessing October 2020 DDA Board Meeting:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83886787480?pwd=Q2hpUWhjOGphZis3YXdHcjFiR2dOUT09>

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Meeting ID: 838 8678 7480

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- Submit your comments via email to amy@downtownlafayette.org
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- In your email message, you must include the agenda item, your name and your position (for or against)

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- 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.