

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TAKEN AT A  
REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021.

Those present: Michael Delcambre, Eric Crozier, Denice Skinner, Gus Rezende, Gregory Walls,  
and Miles Matt

Those absent: None

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

DLU staff present: Jamie Hebert

Others present: Pat Trahan, Kevin Blanchard, Sam Oliver, Matthew Thibodeaux, Kevin  
Blanchard, Brett Mellington, Capt. Royce Starring, Will LaBar, Steve Picou, Andrew Duhon and  
Tim Skinner

The meeting was called to order by Walls.

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

August Financials – August Financials were presented for approval. Matt motioned to approve as  
presented, Rezende seconded, all voted in favor.

September Regular Meeting Minutes - September Regular Meeting Minutes were presented for  
approval. Delcambre motioned to approve as presented, Rezende seconded, all voted in favor.

September Special Meeting Minutes - September Special Meeting Minutes were presented for  
approval. Delcambre motioned to approve as presented, Skinner seconded, all voted in favor.

CUP Recommendation

Holland noted that Legends Annex has applied for a Conditional Use Permit as a bar applicant.  
Holland noted that they currently operate as with a restaurant permit. Holland noted that they are  
reporting sales of 30% food and 70% alcohol which would disqualify them for restaurant  
permitting. Holland noted Legends Annex do not propose any changes to their current  
operations. Holland noted that the CUP Committee would like to make a recommendation to the  
DDA Board that a condition of food sales be placed on the Conditional Use Permit for Legend's  
Annex. Discussions continued.

Legend's Annex CUP Application was presented for approval. Skinner motioned to approve as  
presented, Crozier seconded, all voted in favor.

Staff Updates

Director of Planning – Holland noted that Agora Partners is planning their visit to Lafayette as  
part of the parks study during November. Holland noted that DLU will be hosting a Forum at the  
ACA during the visit. Holland noted that Agora hopes to meet with the LCG Administration  
during the visit to help negotiate deal points for a IGA between LCG and DDA for the leasing

and operations of the Downtown Parc Network. Holland also noted that she has been in meetings with Warren Abadie and Festival International to finalize bollard locations. Holland noted that the American Rescue Plan Budget has \$250,000 for the deployment of bollards Downtown. Holland noted that the first Wayfinding totem was installed in Parc Sans Souci and encouraged all to check it out.

Operations Manager - Hebert noted that the pilot of street closures on Jefferson Street during nightlife hours on Friday and Saturday nights has been working to calm nightlife along Jefferson Street. Hebert noted that he is working with LCG on a project to restripe 140 parking spots downtown as well as restriping of pedestrian crosswalks throughout the district. Hebert also noted that he met with newly appointed board member Denice Skinner to address opportunities in the district. Hebert encouraged board members to schedule a meeting with him if they would like to tour the district.

### CEO Report

Begnaud noted that the election of officers for 2022 will take place during the November board meeting. Begnaud called for nominees for the Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer positions. Thomas noted that she would not be running for Secretary-Treasurer for 2022. Walls noted that he would like to run for Chairman for 2022. Rezende noted that he would like to run for Secretary-Treasurer for 2022. Begnaud noted that Comeaux Engineering is 95% complete on surveying for Main Street project. Begnaud noted that construction continues on Old Federal Courthouse, Buchanan Parking Garage Phase I construction, and Vermilion Parking Garage repairs. Begnaud noted that August collections of the Downtown EDD were \$63,986 which is the highest month to-date. Begnaud noted that LCG is on the cusp on making a historic investment in drainage downtown. Begnaud noted that DDA has an opportunity to help guide the conversation and inform plan to spend \$12.5 million with experienced planners with Waggonner & Ball. Begnaud noted that the LCG Administration including Mayor-President Guillory is supportive of DDA being involved in the process and helping vet solutions. Begnaud recommended that DDA repurpose the \$35,000 FY2021 Budget allocation for the RHI Nightlife Study to consulting with Waggonner & Ball on Downtown drainage solutions with redevelopment in mind. Discussions continued.

Skinner motioned to approved hiring Waggonner & Ball for a Downtown drainage study. Walls seconded the motion. Delcambre, Crozier, Rezende, and Skinner all voted in favor. Matt voted Nay. Thomas was absent for the vote.

### Updates

LPD update – Not Present

Council update - Not present

### Other Business

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