

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TAKEN AT A
REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021.

Those present: Denice Skinner, Gus Rezende, Gregory Walls, and Miles Matt

Those absent: Michael Delcambre, Eric Crozier, and Lisa Thomas

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

DLU staff present: Jamie Hebert

Others present: Brett Mellington, Capt. Brad Ridge, Mary Begnaud, and Terry Gore

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

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

October Regular Meeting Minutes - October Regular Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Skinner motioned to approve as presented, Matt seconded, all voted in favor.

October Special Meeting Minutes – October Special Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Skinner motioned to approve as presented, Rezende seconded, all voted in favor.

Election of Officers

Skinner motioned to elect Gregory Walls as Chairman of the Board for the FY2022, Matt seconded, all voted in favor.

Matt motioned to elect Gus Rezende as Secretary-Treasurer of the Board for the FY2022, Walls seconded, all voted in favor.

FY2021 Estimated Budget/FY2022 Proposed Budget

Trahan noted that the Operations Budget had little changes from previous year budget. Trahan noted that there was a 10% increase in Health Insurance premiums. Trahan also noted that the maximum amount available to each employee with family coverage was budgeted. Holland noted that the budget will include line items are general maintenance, public art, grants, infrastructure improvements, and planning studies.

FY2021 Estimated Budget/FY2022 Proposed Budget - Matt motioned to approve the budget as presented, Skinner seconded, all voted in favor.

Staff Updates

Operations Manager - Hebert noted work on the outdoor dining project has started. Hebert also noted that work to remove older wayfinding signs is underway to make room for new wayfinding signs.

CEO Report

Begnaud noted an update on the Main Street project will take place in December. Begnaud noted that the Old Federal Courthouse will be opening a leasing office Downtown soon. Buchanan Parking Garage and Vermilion Parking Garage repairs will be complete by year end. Begnaud noted that September collections of the Downtown EDD were down from previous month with \$39,144 in collections. Begnaud noted that DLU plans on hosting a Small Business Saturday press conference on November 23 and invited all to attend. Begnaud noted that Wayfinding signage installation continues.

Updates

LPD update – Officer Brad Ridge will be back in leadership of the Downtown Precinct Sub-district. Ridge noted that he has been virtually attending the Social City Summit with Jim Peters. Ridge noted that the challenges that Downtown Lafayette is facing in it's hospitality district is similar to other cities.

Council update - Not present

Other Business

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