

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020.

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

Those absent: none

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

DLU Staff present: Jamie Hebert

Others present: Brett Mellington and Andre Breaux

Others present via Zoom Teleconference: Nancy Broadhurst and Kevin Blanchard

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.

Oschner Health Clinic

Broadhurst noted that Phase I work to be completed by September 2021. Broadhurst further noted that they intend on applying for the Historic Tax Credit. Broadhurst noted that the focus with the clinic will be primary care.

Administrative Approvals/Reports

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

Agenda - Keaty motioned to attach the December Meeting Agenda to the December minutes, Matt seconded, all voted in favor.

Final FY2021 Budget – The Final FY2021 Budget was presented for approval. Matt motioned to approve the 2021 Budget as presented, Keaty seconded, all voted in favor.

2021 Meeting Calendar - The 2021 Meeting Calendar was presented for approval. Matt motioned to approve the 2021 Meeting Calendar as presented, Keaty seconded, all voted in favor.

2021 Meeting Location - The 2021 Meeting Location of Le Centre Conference Room was presented for approval. Matt motioned to approve the 2021 Meeting Location as presented, Fontenot seconded, all voted in favor.

2021 Official Journal - The 2021 Official Journal as The Daily Advertiser was presented for approval. Keaty motioned to approve the 2021 Official Journal as presented, Fontenot seconded, all voted in favor.

Credit Card Resolution – The credit card resolution was read into the record. Fontenot motion to approve resolution, Keaty seconded, all voted in favor. A roll call vote was taken for all votes.

CEO Report

Begnaud noted that the Old Federal Courthouse Project Restoration Tax Abatement will be voted on by the City Council. Discussions continued.

Keaty motioned to draft letter of support for the Restoration Tax Abatement for the Old Federal Courthouse project, Matt seconded, all voted in favor.

Begnaud noted that she is asking for board support for a resolution to asking the Downtown EDD board to meet. Begnaud read the resolution into the record.

EDD Resolution – Keaty motioned to adopt resolution read into the record asking the Downtown EDD board to meet, Delcambre seconded, all voted in favor. A roll call vote was taken.

Begnaud noted that discussions with Festival International are continuing. Begnaud noted that 2021 will be mostly virtual with some in-person activations in Downtown Lafayette. Begnaud noted the need for more communication between DDA and DLU with Festival International. Begnaud noted that it might be helpful for someone from either organization to attend Festival's board meetings.

Updates

Director of Planning - Holland noted that during the past year the focus has been on Clean, Safe, Vibrant, and Maintained initiatives. Holland noted that DDA has been able to achieve these goals through the outdoor dining pilot at Pamplona, the new bike corral, new trash cans deployed throughout the district, skate benches in Parc San Souci, Façade Rehabilitation Grants, and new planter boxes.

LPD update - Not present

Council update – Not present

Other Business

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.