

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TAKEN AT A  
REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021.

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

Those absent: Gus Rezende and Lisa Thomas

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

Others present: Brett Mellington, Maggie Bienvenu, Tim Skinner, Sam Oliver, Martin Porrier, Claire Taylor, Walter Comeaux, 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

October Financials – October Financials were presented for approval. Skinner motioned to approve as presented, Delcambre seconded, all voted in favor.

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

Adopt Official Journal – Skinner motioned to approve The Daily Advertiser as the Official Journal, Crozier seconded, all voted in favor.

Adopt 2022 Meeting Calendar – Matt motioned to approve the 2022 Meeting Calendar, Delcambre seconded, all voted in favor.

Adopt 2022 Meeting Location – Skinner motioned to approve the 2022 meeting location as 735 Jefferson Street; Conference Room, Matt seconded, all voted in favor.

Agora

Holland noted that the Agora Partners visit was successful. Holland noted that Ben and Howard were the keynote speakers at a Forum on the first night of their trip. Holland further noted that Ben and Howard participated in meetings with Moncus Park, UL Lafayette, One Acadiana, DDA & DLU Board leadership, and Lafayette Consolidated Government.

Staff Updates

Operations Manager - Hebert noted work on the outdoor dining project has started. Hebert also noted that the Jefferson Street sit rails are being repainted. Hebert also noted that Jefferson Street pressure washing is almost complete.

Main Street Update

Porrier with LCG and Comeaux Engineering updated the board on Main Street progress. Porrier noted that surveying has completed. Porrier noted that a meeting will take place before the end

of the year to determine the projects next steps. Porrier noted the project will be focused on making sidewalks ADA compliant.

#### CEA between DDA & DLU

Matt noted that DDA would like to formalize the relationship with DLU with a CEA between two organizations. Matt noted that board leadership from DDA & DLU have been working with council to draft the CEA.

Matt made the following motion, Matt moved that a resolution issued by this Board authorizing the Downtown Development Authority to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the DDA and Downtown Lafayette Unlimited as set forth in the agreement attached to this Resolution and, further that Gregory Walls, in his capacity as Chairman of the Downtown Development Authority, be duly authorized to execute the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, Skinner seconded, all voted in favor during a role call vote. Trahan read the resolution into the record.

#### CEO Report

Begnaud noted that the Old Federal Courthouse has opened a leasing office Downtown. Buchanan Parking Garage and Vermilion Parking Garage repairs will be complete by year end. Begnaud noted that October collections of the Downtown EDD were up from previous month with \$53,700 in collections. Begnaud noted she and Holland have been working with Sam Oliver of the ACA to put forward a Downtown site for study for the Proposed Performing Arts Center. Begnaud noted that DDA and DLU have historically help assemble property and lead the design process to locate cultural facilities and public parks Downtown. Begnaud further noted she and Holland have been working with Waggoner & Ball to coordinated with LCG drainage team on research, study, and work done to date. Begnaud noted that they are planning a visit immediately after the Christmas Holidays.

#### Updates

LPD update – Not present

Council update - Not present

#### Other Business

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



## **LAFAYETTE CENTRE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

### **RESOLUTION 9 DECEMBER, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, the Lafayette Centre Development District d/b/a Downtown Development Authority, a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana (“DDA”), has a mission to formulate a redevelopment plan or plans for the district and submit such plan to the city council for review and approval. The authority shall formulate a program or programs to implement any redevelopment plan so approved by the council. Such a program shall implement the various plans in such a manner as to aid and encourage private development of the area and to promote and coordinate public development. In formulating such program, the authority may conduct studies and may consult with all departments of the city of Lafayette and other public or private agencies concerned with matters affecting or affected by the program. After approval of a development program, the district may then implement any portion thereof in such manner as shall in the judgment of its governing authority most likely accomplish said program. To that end, the district may employ engineers, architects, attorneys, underwriters, and other professionals necessary for financing and implementation of the construction, renovation, maintenance or operation of facilities described in the redevelopment plan and may contract but in accordance with law for the construction, renovation, and maintenance, or operation of the facilities;

**WHEREAS**, Downtown Lafayette Unlimited, Inc. (“DLU”), a non-profit Louisiana corporation, has a mission to establish a permanent promotional program pointed towards a progressive and dynamic central downtown Lafayette; to preserve and expand central downtown Lafayette as a regional business and shopping area for the general benefit of the metropolitan area of Lafayette, and

its surrounding markets; to cooperate with all members of the corporation through group action on common problems, and to cooperate with the City Council of the City of Lafayette, the Lafayette Parish Police Jury or Parish Council, other governmental bodies, civic organizations, and other interested groups or individuals, in solving the civic, business and commercial problems of the City of Lafayette; to alleviate parking problems and other problems resulting from congestion; to improve the appearance of the central downtown area; and generally to promote, aid and assist in development a better central downtown Lafayette for the use and benefit of everyone, and to do any and all things necessary and with full authority to perform all acts necessary or proper to accomplish purposes expressed or implied in said articles, or that may be incidental thereto;

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Operating Officer of the DDA is also the Chief Operating Officer of the DLU and, further, the DLU has two (2) designated seats on the Board of Directors of the DDA;

**WHEREAS**, the mission and existence of the DDA and DLU are functionally identical and the historic relationship of the DDA and DLU have been, and will continue to be, both by nature and in function, symbiotic;

**WHEREAS**, the DDA and the DLU desire to memorialize their procedural and substantive relationship.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the DDA does and hereby agrees to enter into the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement annexed hereto and does further authorize its Chairman, Greg Walls, to execute the subject agreement on behalf of the DDA.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, was duly motioned and seconded, the roll was called and the Resolution passed upon the following votes:

YEAS: Gregory Walls, Miles Matt, Michael Delcambre, Eric Crozier, and Denice Skinner

NAYS: none

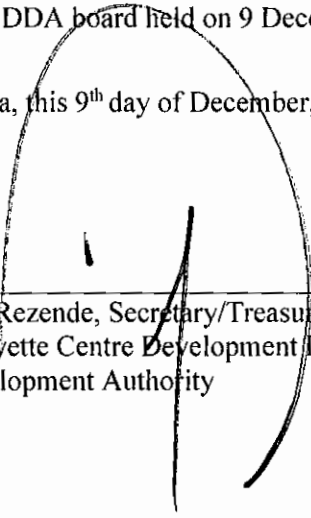
ABSTAINED: none

ABSENT: Gus Rezende and Lisa Thomas

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the Resolution adopted at a meeting of a quorum of the DDA board held on 9 December, 2021.

Lafayette, Louisiana, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.



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Gus Rezende, Secretary/Treasurer  
Lafayette Centre Development District d/b/a Downtown  
Development Authority