

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TAKEN AT A
REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022.

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

Those absent: Eric Crozier and Lisa Thomas

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

Others present: Chastity Arwood, Sam Oliver, Kevin Blanchard, and Brett Mellington

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

December Financials – December Financials were presented for approval. Matt motioned to approve, Skinner seconded, all voted in favor.

January Regular Meeting Minutes – January Regular Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Matt motioned to approve, Skinner seconded, all voted in favor.

February Special Meeting Minutes – February Special Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Matt motioned to approve, Skinner seconded, all voted in favor.

FY21/22 Budget Adjustment – Rezende motioned to authorize an amendment to the FY21/22 operating budget to adjust Personnel Salaries to \$315,003, Retirement & Medicare Tax to \$43,155, Unemployment Compensation to \$1,701, and Group Life Insurance to \$1,116, Matt seconded, all voted in favor.

Salary Adjustments – Rezende motioned to authorize the amendment to the FY2022 DDA employee manning table as attached, Skinner seconded, all voted in favor.

Parental Leave Policy – Delcambre motioned to adopt the attached Parental Leave Policy, Skinner seconded, all voted in favor.

CUP Application: 201 Jefferson Street (Bliss Cocktail Lounge)

Holland noted that Bliss Cocktail Lounge has applied for a Conditional Use Permit in the rear of the old Dat Dog building, which would occupy the rear downstairs and upstairs mezzanine. Holland noted that the business plan provided to the CUP Committee proposes a venue that will host exclusive events and parties with VIP sections and live music or DJ sets Tuesday-Sunday. Holland noted that the CUP Committee received a draft business plan and met with the applicant but has not received a completed CUP Toolkit as of the submission recommendation. Further discussion continued.

Matt motioned to not recommend the CUP application, Skinner seconded, all noted in favor.

Other Business

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