

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TAKEN AT A  
REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021.

Those present: Lisa Thomas, Ross Fontenot, Miles Matt, Michael Delcambre, and Gregory Walls

Those absent: Jim Keaty, Gus Rezende

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

Others present: Andre Breaux, Carlee Alm-Labar, Kevin Blanchard, Brett Mellington, Walter Comeaux, Mallory Hutchinson, and Martin Poirrier

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

March Financials – March Financials were presented for approval. Matt motioned to approve as presented, Fontenot seconded, all voted in favor. Thomas entered meeting after vote.

April Meeting Minutes – April Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Fontenot motioned to approve as presented, Matt seconded, all voted in favor. Thomas entered meeting after vote.

Main Street

Poirrier noted that Comeaux Engineering has been selected as the surveying and engineering contractor for Main Street project. Poirrier noted that \$500,000 has been allocated on the design. Comeaux noted his firm has worked extensively with other municipalities on similar projects in the past. Comeaux noted that surveying will begin shortly at St. John street to Johnston Street. Poirrier noted that construction will begin at Johnston Street with an initial allocation of \$1,000,000 for the first phase of construction. Poirrier also noted that a phased approach is preferred to isolate disruption to local businesses and residents.

CEO Report

Begnaud noted that construction continues the Old Federal Courthouse Project with a projected December completion. Begnaud noted that construction continues on the Buchanan Parking Garage. Begnaud also noted that LCG is awaiting arrival of parts for replacing the elevators on the Vermilion Parking Garage. Begnaud noted that collections of the Downtown Economic Development District is trending up 22% over February collections with March being the second highest month since collections began. Begnaud noted that bid for Wayfinding to be approved this week. Begnaud noted that Park Mobile set to launch in the next couple of weeks. Begnaud also noted that Festival International submitted document outlining infrastructure improvement priorities to Mayor President and the City Council. Begnaud noted that Agora Partners has delivered Parc International conceptual capital budget neglected maintenance, remedial improvements, and upgrades.

### Updates

Director of Planning - Holland noted the Spring Façade Rehabilitation Grant window has closed with three applicants. Holland noted that a selection committee will be chosen this month with grant awarding expected next month.

Operations – Hebert noted that he is working closely with LCG on deferred maintenance in Parc International. Hebert noted this includes painting doors and stage face, pressure washing of parc, tree trimming and landscaping, and concrete repairs among others.

LPD update – Not present.

Council update – Not present.

### Other Business

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