

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TAKEN AT A
REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020.

Those present: Miles Matt, Lisa Thomas, Jim Keaty, Gus Rezende, and Gregory Walls

Those attending via Zoom Teleconference: Ross Fontenot

Those absent: Michael Delcambre

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

DLU Staff present: Maureen Dugas Foster, Cali Comeaux

Others present: Brad Robin, Captain Lange, Lester Gauthier, and Blake Douet

Others present via Zoom Teleconference: Andre Breaux, Corey Jack, Liz Hebert, Maggie Bienvenu, Emily Shute, Matthew Thibodeaux, Keven Blanchard, Blake Lagneaux, and Carlee Alm-Labar

The meeting was called to order by Matt.

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

July Minutes - July Minutes were presented for approval. Keaty motioned to approve as presented, Rezende seconded, all voted in favor.

June 2020 Financials - June 2020 Financials were presented for approval. Keaty motioned to approve as presented, Rezende seconded, all voted in favor.

Agenda - Keaty motioned to attach the August Meeting Agenda to the minutes as presented, Walls seconded, all voted in favor.

Budget Adjustment

Trahan noted that a budget adjustment of \$3,400 was needed to cover costs of legal expenses.

\$3,400 Budget Adjustment – \$3,400 Budget Adjustment from Restricted/Operating to Contractual Services to cover legal expenses was presented for approval. Keaty motioned to approve as presented, Thomas seconded, all voted in favor.

Mid-Year Budget Update

Trahan noted that operations expenses are as expected mid-year. Trahan noted certain items such as wayfinding and parc improvements have not spent any money yet. Trahan further noted that these projects are initiating work and expect to spend budgeted funds year's end. Trahan also noted that the Façade Improvement Grant fund is maxed out for the year.

Maintenance, Operations, & Capital Improvements Report

Holland and Hebert presented projects completed in the previous 12 months including maintenance, operations, and capital improvements in the district. Holland noted work streams in the district aimed to address areas of clean, safe, vibrant, and maintained.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Development

Thomas asked the board to take a position on site improvements if the Alfred Mouton statue is removed. Thomas noted the public space should foster a spirit of inclusion. Thomas further noted her partnership with Vincent Pierre to amend DDA's state legislation to include a dedicated seat to a minority. Rezende noted his support of DDA being a driving force in the redevelopment of the Mouton Statue site. Discussions continued.

CEO Update

Begnaud presented a resolution to the board for review. Begnaud noted the resolution is stating support of the Lafayette City and Parish Council allocation of funding for the Lafayette Science Museum. Begnaud noted that DDA has historically supported the museum. Begnaud noted that the DDA purchased property downtown to facilitate the Science Museum moving downtown. Begnaud further noted that the DDA has a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City-Parish Government regarding the long-term use of the building as a science museum. City Council member Liz Hebert joined the call to express support of funding the museum. Discussions continued.

Resolution – Keaty motioned to adopt resolution to support Lafayette City/ Parish Council allocation funding for the Lafayette Science Museum, Walls seconded, all voted in favor.

Reports/Updates

Councilman – Not Present

LPD Downtown Security – Robin noted that Captain Lange will be taking over the downtown district. Lange noted that the two officer's downtown will remain in those positions under his supervision. Lange noted 911 should be utilized to report all incidents. Lange noted that information after the 911 call should go through Anita Begnaud. Lange noted that Begnaud will then relay that information to him. Lange further noted the need for all businesses to have no trespass letters posted on the property. Lange noted that the City is looking into a new loitering law to address loitering in the district at night.

Executive Session – Litigation Discussion

Re: Timothy Supple, et al (Jeremiah Supple, Keith Kishbaugh, Carol Ross, Mark Tolson, Ross Little)

VS: The City of Lafayette

DKT: C-20197949-D/15th JDC/Lafayette Parish

OFN: 2879-196406

Certain development districts passed by the City/ Parish Council for the City of Lafayette, ordinance numbers O-225-2019 to O-234-2019

Executive Session – Keaty motioned to enter Executive Session, Rezende seconded, all voted in favor.

Board entered into executive session.

Matt moved to go back to regular session.

Other Business

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.