

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

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

Those absent: Miles Matt

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

DLU Staff present: Maureen Dugas Foster, Cali Comeaux

Others present: Brett Mellington and Blake Douet

Others present via Zoom Teleconference: Andre Breaux, Maggie Bienvenu, Phyliss Mouton, Matthew Thibodeaux, and Keven Blanchard

The meeting was called to order by Thomas.

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Administrative Approvals/Reports

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

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

Agenda – Fontenot motioned to attach the September Meeting Agenda to the minutes as presented, Keaty seconded, all voted in favor.

CEO Update

Begnaud noted at the previous Parish Council meeting there was an ordinance up for vote to allocated 3.5 million dollars to repairs on the Buchanan Street parking garage. Begnaud noted that the ordinance was up for final adoption but was deferred for two weeks. Begnaud noted that Councilman Carlson as for a meeting with Downtown stakeholders prior to the vote. Begnaud noted that the Downtown Development Authority was included in the list of stakeholders asked to participate. Begnaud noted that further clarification on the scope of work intended with the 3.5 million is needed. Discussions continued. Begnaud also noted that a parish wide congestion ordinance was deferred for two weeks as well. Begnaud also noted that an open container and minor curfew ordinance is a Downtown specific ordinance. Begnaud noted that this ordinance was deferred indefinitely by Councilwoman Hebert to engage Downtown stakeholders in the discussion. Begnaud further note d that Councilwoman Hebert asked that the open container ordinance and minor ordinance be moved to the City Council agenda since they are specific to a district in the City of Lafayette. Begnaud noted that Luna Bar and Grill is hoping to open in 4 to 8 weeks. Vestal and Grocery

Tavern and Bar are both set to open in October. Begnaud also noted Whisper Room is working through the Conditional Use Permit process.

#### Reports/Updates

Development & Planning – Holland noted that Façade Rehabilitation Reimbursement Grant Program application window is open until September 15. Holland noted that the budgeted fund for 2020 is taped out. Holland noted that there is a potential for 40 to 50 thousand dollars in additional grant money if the grant committee approves the applicants. Holland noted that she would need to come back to the board for a budget revision in that case. Holland noted that the Parc Business Plan work has begun with Agora. Holland noted that additional funds will be needed in 2021 to take this work further. Holland noted that a pilot program for an outdoor dining concept will be placed outside of Pamplona Tapas Bar. Holland noted that this concept will utilize the public space in the streetscape area on Jefferson. Holland noted that this would hardscape the area between the cypress trees to allow outdoor dining. Holland noted that staff has targeted other areas of downtown to implement this concept.

Operations – Hebert noted that he is helping Public Works get quotes to clean the Vermilion Street parking garage. Hebert also noted that he is bidding out sod replacement in Parc San Souci.

Councilman – Not Present

LPD Downtown Security – Not Present

#### Other Business

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

**AGENDA**  
**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 7:30 AM**  
**Le Centre Conference Room, 735 Jefferson Street**

*Via Teleconference Pursuant to Proclamation No. 30 JBE2020, Sect. 4*

**To participate in the meeting, use the following link or phone number:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85630421515?pwd=RWNsZGZHNR2dytJK3E1RDBiamxGZz09>

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7:30	Call to Order	Matt
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7:32	Board materials for approval	Matt
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A. August 2020 meeting minutes

B. July 2020 financials

C. Attach September agenda to September minutes

8:25	CEO update	Begnaud
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8:35	Reports/updates	Matt
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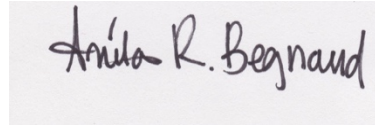
A. Development and planning update

B. Operations update

C. LPD security update

8:45	Adjournment	Matt
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Pursuant to Proclamation No. 30 JBE2020, Sect. 4 of the Executive Department of the State of Louisiana, 17 March, 2020, as amended, supplemented and extended by Proclamation No. 37JBE2020, 26 March, 2020, I hereby certify that as a result of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Downtown Development Authority is unable to operate due to physical quorum requirements. Therefore, the meeting requirement is changed for the meeting to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2020 beginning at 7:30 a.m., to provide for attendance of board members, staff and the public via teleconference by use of the procedure outlined at the top of the agenda.



8/31/20

Anita R. Begnaud, Chief  
Executive Officer

Date

## **ACCESSING DDA BOARD MEETINGS & PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURES**

Topic: DDA Board Meeting (September 2020)

Time: September 3, 2020 07:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

### **Accessing August 2020 DDA Board Meeting:**

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- The 3-minute rule will apply

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