



DOWNTOWN DALTON DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING Wednesday, August 17, 2016 Dalton Freight Depot

MINUTES

Present:

Board members in attendance: John Davis, T.J. Kaikobad, Juan Lama, Caleb Carnes, Meagen Shepard; Denise Wood, City Council Liaison; Ty Ross, City Administrator; DDDA Staff- Garrett Teems.

Call to Order:

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order, as Mr. Kaikobad was not present at appointed time.

Minutes:

Mr. Lama moved that the minutes be accepted for the July 2016 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carnes. The motion carried.

Financials:

Updated financials were presented by Mr. Carnes. Mr. Carnes stated that there was still a matter of a few deposits to code correctly. The issue was tabled until the next meeting.

New Business:

The board discussed various ways in which the DDDA could support the proposed park. Ms. Wood stated that this would be a multi-stage project. Mr. Ross agreed that it might be in the best interest of the DDDA to contribute to a later stage of the project when amenities would be discussed. Mr. Teems pointed out that there were more grant opportunities available were the board to decide to wait til a later stage of the project. The board then drafted a letter to send out to constituents. Mr. Kaikobad made a motion and Mr. Lama seconded. The motion carried

It was brought up that the DDDA is too understaffed to be able to accommodate being the financial arm of the 1000 Words Project. Mr. Carnes pointed out that there is too much assumed risk of misappropriation of funds. Mr. Davis then asked for a motion to pay the remaining bills for the 1000 Words Project, as an act of good faith, and discontinue acting as their financial arm. Mr. Carnes made a motion and Ms. Shepard seconded. The motion carried

Mr. Teems brought up that the budget would be very similar to last year, minus the changes in benefits. He then stated that the Overtime Act could possibly change the budget as well. There was no further discussion on the matter.

Mr. Teems updated the board the plans for the Downtown Dalton Beer Festival. This year ticket sales will include limited VIP tickets and a Salsa Contest to be presided over by the Dalton Parks and Recreation Department. Blackbird Revival is to play, and there will be football viewing available.

The board awarded a Façade Grant reimbursement to Carpet Capital Realty for their work on 204 W. Gordon St. in the amount of \$1590 for the awnings and repainting of the building. Mr. Lama made the motion to accept the grant, and Ms. Shepard seconded. The motion carried.

Old Business:

The board agreed to restructure the committees so that the best time and ability of the DDDA are being wisely used.

Reports:

Chamber: Mr. Kaikobad had nothing to report.

CVB: Mr. Davis reported that SPA negotiations were taking place to ensure the group's continued return to Dalton.

City: Ms. Wood had nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,
Garrett Teems