

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF DDA/SYLVESTER MAIN STREET BOARD

May 13, 2024

I. Call to Order:

Chairperson Jean Brooks called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Chairperson Jean Brooks gave the invocation.

II. Roll Call

Quorum determined (Present: Jean Brooks, Karen Rackley, Carol Overton, John Nesmith, Demar Milton, Harold Proctor and Abby Hembree absent)

Guests (Stakeholders and volunteers) Cherie McDonald, Gail Lee, Lara Beth Fritzler-Orr, Trinity Archer, Tammy McCrary, Julie Giddens, Will Giddens, Terry Giddens, Deandra Greene, Ansley Busbee, Rita Leggett, Amanda Plymel, Heather Sharpe, Mr. Rivers, Richie Childers, Christy Filiatrault Camille Taylor and Dan Filiatrault. All attendees had breakfast during the meeting and guest speaker.

III.

Approval of the Agenda:

A motion was made by Karen Rackley to approve the agenda, it was seconded by Demar Milton. All approved as submitted.

IV. Approval of April 8 ,2024 Minutes:

Motion made by Karen Rackley and 2nd by Carol Overton. All Approved.

V. Treasure’s Report John Nesmith gave the finance report. A motion was made by Carol Overton and 2nd by Demar Milton. All approved.



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Guest Speaker- Heather Sharpe from DCA Region 10- Heather spoke on the Downtown Development Revolving Loan fund. She explained that it is a gap loan. Bank would finance 50%, revolving loan (if qualified) 40% at 2% interest rate. and owner will have to have 10%.

VI. Old Business:

Review of Work Plan-Karen Singletary reviewed Main Street Work plan 2024.

Facade Grants-Karen told board about all outstanding facades. No new facades as of today.

Proposed Real Estate Purchase- The Board discussed buying the Hardware store. If we are able to get funding, we would like the DDA Board to purchase this building.

VII New Business:

Volunteer Appreciation -Karen Singletary recognized the volunteers for all their work. She presented them with a certificate and gift.

Stakeholders-Karen Singletary thanked all the stakeholders for being a part of our downtown.

Drawings- We draw names for the prizes of BBQ sauce, Rub and Uncle Bill’s gift card.

VIII

Economic Development – nothing to discuss.

Design – nothing to discuss

Organization –nothing to discuss.

Promotion nothing to discuss

Remarks

Mayor Harold Proctor Jr.- no comments

City Manager Autron Hayes-absent

Main Street Director Karen Singletary – no comments

City Liaison Glenice Stephens absent

Board Members- no remarks

Visitors-no remarks

VI. Adjourn

Motion from Karen Rackley, second by Demar Milton to adjourn. Unanimously approved. Adjourned at 09:58 am