



## REGULAR MEETING

Jonesboro City Center | 1859 City Center Way | Jonesboro, GA 30236

6:00PM Tuesday April 30th 2024

## MINUTES

**Attendees:** Tammary Scott Dowdell, Santia Fox, Trina Kolawole, Helen Meadows, Jule Segner,

**Staff:** David Allen, Andrew Simpson, Maria Wetherington

**Absent:** Donya Sartor, Karen Sullivan

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Jule called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
- II. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Trina moved to adopt the agenda and Helen seconded. The vote was unanimous.
- III. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – Helen moved to adopt the minutes and Tammary seconded. The vote was unanimous.

### IV. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Consideration of Financial Statements for 31-day period ending March 31, 2024. Andrew discussed the financial statements. Andrew said that the \$818.60 for the mortgage was an outgoing that needed to be covered by a renter in the short term. He also stated that in effect \$156,000 of the balance in the account should actually be sent to the Urban Redevelopment agency. The \$100,000 provided to Bank OZK for a CD would be helpful in covering the \$93,000 owed for the debt repayment. This repayment should happen in October as it would give the DDA the chance to recoup the rent from Nouveau Bar and Grill to cover it.

### V. AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. QuickBooks subscription for DDA Accounts. Andrew noted that the price was \$2801, and that Mr. Hill would help with the purchase as the credit card that Andrew has does not have the limit to cover the charge. The fee is for 2 users.
- 2. Clayton County Senior Services application to use the City Green. Tammary suggested that as it is not an event but for the employees that something should be charged. Santia said that as it was not a community event we should charge the full price.
- 3. Clarification of Urban Redevelopment Agency status. Andrew stated that the City Council had voted that the DDA board also share the responsibility assuming the role of the Urban Redevelopment Agency board. Andrew will be contacting the Department of Community Affairs for updates when the auditors arrive.
- 4. D.A.T.E. Night. April 19<sup>th</sup> 2024 Review. This was one of the best events we ever had. Tammary did a fabulous job. 2 food vendors ran out of food.

5. Kentucky Derby in the City. May 4<sup>th</sup> 2024. 12pm to 5pm is the block party. Between Pine Circle and Spring St. 5pm to 8pm is the race itself before and after at Cigar Parlour.
6. D.A.T.E. Night. May 17<sup>th</sup> 2024. This focuses on bringing arts and people downtown.

**VI. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

1. Promotions/Organization Committee - Jule Segner, Promotions Chair.
2. Design Review Committee - David Allen, Community Development Director.

**VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Our Mother's Day Jazz Concert will have Pizza, Candy, Water and Sodas. DDA will be selling the concessions. This will be repeated for Juneteenth in the Concession Stand. B'Mari will be providing the alcohol. The Juneteenth event will be in partnership with Commissioner Demont Davis of District 4. Kaspar and the 911 Band will be the main act along with the Jonesboro High School Majestic Marching Cardinals.

Andrew talked again about 166 S. Main St. Jule said we need to sell as is. The DDA does not have any money to put into it. Andrew will send the RFP to Santia. Maria suggested renting as is, to cover the \$818.60 a month. Santia made a motion to pull a permit for the electricity inspection. Tammary seconded the vote was unanimous. Triple L Electric will look at it. Andrew noted that he was not aware until recently that the DDA also owned 203, 205 and 217 N. Main St. All these properties should be sold. 203 was used as a contractor staging area and was meant to have paid \$600 to the DDA per month according to Jule. Andrew and Maria will investigate once Quick Books is back up and running. 205 definitely needs roof repair and at the very least a Tarp to cover the damage.

**VIII. BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S/PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Tammary discussed making murals on the planters. Each pot could be purchased/sponsored by local businesses as an income stream for the DDA. \$800 per year for each pot. Sanita asked about Proper Antiques. Andrew said that it was not officially for sale, but if the right offer came along the owner would listen. Trina discussed the possibility of having food trucks having a special place to park. There was discussion about the status of Slutty Vegan. Andrew had heard rumors of a ribbon cutting on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Tammary broached the subject of everything been done for free. Arts Clayton is asking for \$10 to decorate a wine glass. The wine glass itself is \$25. The wine stroll event is free to attend. Trina said that there has ben to reason why people come to the city of Jonesboro. Tammary noted that we have to appeal to people outside of where we are. David said that the sale of 203, and 205 North Main Street would bring monies into the bank account which would offset other projects. Rent 166 and 217 South Main Street. The sale of properties has to be the top priority.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Jule made the motion to go into Executive Session and Santia seconded to discuss property.

**X. ADJOURNMENT** - Jule made the motion to adjourn, and Santia seconded at 7.11pm.