



## **Jonesboro Urban Redevelopment Agency**

### **MEETING**

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

**6:00PM Tuesday July 2nd 2024**

### **MINUTES**

Present; Santia Fox Trina Kolawole, Helen Meadows, Tammary Scott, Jule Segner.

Absent: Karen Sullivan, Donya Sartor.

Staff: Andrew Simpson, Maria Wetherington.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Jule called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.
- II. **ROLL CALL** – Santia Fox Trina Kolawole, Helen Meadows, Tammary Scott, Jule Segner.
- III. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Tammary made the motion to accept the agenda and Santia seconded. The vote was unanimous.
- IV. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – Trina made the motion to accept the minutes and Helen seconded for the June 4<sup>th</sup> and June 13<sup>th</sup> meetings. The vote to accept was unanimous.
- V. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** – Consideration of Financial Statements for the 31-Day period for May. There is approximately \$150,000 in the bank account which is owed to the Jonesboro Urban Redevelopment Agency. Andrew spoke with Mr. Quinn; the Finance Director, and it was agreed that the URA would receive an approximately \$50,000 payment every year to clear the owed monies. According to the bank account statement that would leave around \$20,000. It was agreed to continue the effort to rent 166 S. Main St. and 217 N. Main St. While looking to sell 203 and 205 N. Main St and push promotion for the City Green.
- VI. **AGENDA ITEMS**
  1. Juneteenth Celebration – June 19<sup>th</sup> Review. Around 3,500 to 4,000 attended. The 911 Band has a large following so booking is key. There were no conflicting municipality events in the county. The concession stand was sold out of Pizza. The DDA will be back at the Hispanic Heritage Festival.
  2. D.A.T.E. Night. June 21<sup>st</sup> Review. It was extremely hot and the crowd was down due to a competing event in Forest Park.
  3. D.A.T.E. Night. July 19<sup>th</sup>. This event will be indoors, and August 17<sup>th</sup> may be as well. Golf carts to The Cigar Parlour.
  4. DDA owed properties update. Andrew will continue to look for renters and realtors.
  5. City Green Update. Trina made some suggestions. Perhaps photos in the publicity to help rent the city green.

**VII. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

1. Promotions/Organization Committee – Jule Segner, Promotions Chair. Jule said we were still waiting on Kentucky Derby sponsorships. Everything else was covered by previous discussions.
2. Design Review Committee – David Allen, Community Development Director. David was not available.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT** – Andrew was talking to a possible renter for 166 S. Main St. A possible sandwich shop. Tammary said the lease should be enhanced to encourage improvements. Jule does not wish to tear the building down. Tammary said we should not be paying for ADA improvements. Any improvements should be conditioned to a long lease so the renter can get their investment back. Such investments would include a grease trap, ADA accessibility. Perhaps a lease to purchase would be a better option. Jule also noted that 217 N. Main St. had a good turn around space, if someone wanted to rent.

**IX. BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S/PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Tammary suggested an event called Gathering on the Green. Perhaps a partnership with Arts Clayton. Poetry, or a happy hour with a Jonesboro sponsor for the event. Clayton County Economic Development could be invited out. Tammary suggested LTI, BM Metals, and Clayton County Water. Trina discussed having a water feature in the area, but also said that the Green should have seating. Fundraisers at the City Green was discussed with February 17<sup>th</sup> being a good date. Mix and Mingle don’t be single, was suggested with a Saxophonist playing. Further afield perhaps a Mystery Dinner Theater at the Magnolia House and a Cemetery Tour/Paranormal Event in October.

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – There was no executive session.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT** – Tammary made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Trina seconded at 6:42pm.