

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 3:21 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.
DDD Ronald Gardner Board Room**

Roll taken, Quorum present - Meeting called to order at 3:21 p.m.

Members Present: Gregory Curtis, Carla Major, Chris Ross

Members Absent: Cleveland Spears

Other Board Members Present: N/A

Staff/Counsel Present: Davon Barbour, Anthony Carter, Stuart Taylor,
(Counsel) Brittany Carnes – Stone Pigman

Notice: The time, location, and agenda had been adequately and publicly noticed.

Call for Public Input Cards: N/A

Public Comments: – N/A

Action Items:

- Approval of March 3, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
- Approval of 2021 DBE Audit Report

Approval of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from March 3, 2022: Chair Curtis requested a motion to approve the March 3, 2022, meeting minutes. Moved by Vice Chair Major; Supported by Treasurer Ross; Motion carried.

Approval of 2021 DBE Audit Report: Chair Curtis asked for clarification of the DBE. Anthony Carter explained that this is for small business concerns where socially and economically disadvantaged individuals own at least 51% interest and control management and daily business operations. Chairman Ross questioned why the target for Block by Block is only 15%. President Barbour also mentioned he is presently working with the city's Office of Supplier Diversity. Chair Curtis requested a motion to approve, motioned by Commissioner Major, seconded by Commissioner Ross

Discussion of RFP for Sidewalk Cleaning & Public Space Maintenance Services: - The commissioners revisited the Block by Block contract and are concerned about the following items:

- Second Chance/New Path Programs
- Their hiring process, worker retention
- Working with local entities e.g., Workforce Development Service, Job 1
- In what way does Block by block address professionalism issues

Commissioners also wanted to know by which method can Block by Block incorporate working/supervising the personnel supplied to the DDD from Mayors Strike Force. The commissioners examined the costs of the original contract and the Mardi Gras contract. Block by Block is due to present at the next board meeting on Tuesday, May 3rd. Block by Block contract expires July 31, 2022. Committee is recommending that the

current contract be granted its final one-year extension, with a possible amendment. The DDD Staff will then issue a new RFP as part of the procurement process in Fall 2022.

Project Updates

Old Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

Executive Session: N/A

Adjournment

Moved Vice Chair Major and Supported Treasurer Ross, motion carried