

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, April 27, 2022  
3:00PM Board Room**

Roll taken, Quorum present, call to order 3:03 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chris Ross, Leann Moses, Carla Major

**Members Absent:** None

**Other Board Members Present:** Gregory Curtis

**Staff/Counsel Present:** Davon Barbour, Anthony Carter, Francia Barradas, Stuart Taylor

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

**Public Comments** – Letter received from- Aaron J. Jordan on 4/26/22 addressing his concerns regarding Mr. Anthony Carter’s lack of credentials. Letter was read by Mr. Davon Barbour.

**Action Items**

- Approval of March 30, 2022, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
- Approval of March 2022 Financials

**Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 30, 2022 – Action Item\*** - Commissioner Ross requested a motion to approve the March 30, 2022, Financial Meeting Minutes. Moved by Commissioner Major; Supported by Commissioner Ross; Motion carried.

**Approval of March 2022 Financials – Action Item\*** - Mr. Carter presented the March financials based on unaudited 2020 and 2021 financials. Expenses are as allotted. Mr. Carter stated that tax collections were 92.75% of budget for the month of March and 83% for the year to date. In terms of other revenues, still awaiting payment from RTA for transient shelter cleaning. Mr. Carter also stated expenses running in line with budget. Commissioner Ross asked that since the OPSE has not been able to fill out the detail officer commitments are we also using the Orleans Parish Sheriff Office Deputies? Mr. Carter indicated that the DDD has started using Orleans Parish Sheriff Deputies. Mr. Carter indicated that collections for April were at six million which is normal for April, when collections are proceeding on schedule. Commissioner Curtis asked question about conditions of some of the banner brackets and also as to which banners belong to DDD or other agencies. Mr. Carter explained the ongoing work of repairing banner brackets, and which banners belong to which organizations. Commissioner Curtis asked a question regarding parking spaces in building, Mr. Carter explained how the parking spaces were allocated and fees charged. Commissioner Curtis asked question regarding low barrier shelter and how much has been paid. Mr. Carter explained that the first two months is covered by convention center and that the DDD will pay ½ of the monthly expenses until the DDD reaches \$500,000 for this year. Commissioner Major and Ross asked question regarding the effectiveness of the program. Mr. Barbour and Mr. Carter answered their concerns regarding homelessness in downtown and the steps being taken by different agencies that are dealing with the homelessness in the city. Commissioner Major asked as to what is being done to show appreciation to the rangers for their hard work in helping the homeless. Mr. Barbour answered Commissioner Major’s question. Commissioner

Ross asked for a motion to approve the March 2022 Financials. Motion moved by Commissioner Moses, seconded by Commissioner Major. Motion carried.

Discussion of Wisner Grant - Mr. Barbour spoke regarding the approval of CEA by DDU, which is made up of the Executive Board. Once CEA is approved the funds will be transferred to the DDU's bank account.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire - Mr. Carter brought up an item to the Finance Committee a request to bring before the full board regarding Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for approval. Commissioner Mosses asked how is DDD is assuring Compliance. Mr. Carter explained the yearly taking of the Louisiana State Ethics test by all staff members of the DDD. Commissioner Moses stated that taking the test is insufficient that the staff needs to confirm they are adhering to the Louisiana Ethics Rules. Mr. Barbour stated the staff would sign a self-certification form stating they are adhering to the Louisiana Ethics Rules. Commissioner Moses motion that the Finance Committee approve to bring the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire to the board for a full vote, second by Commissioner Major. Motion carried.

### **Executive Session**

None

### **Adjournment**

Request for adjournment by Commissioner Ross, Motion by Commissioner Moses, Second by Commissioner Major. Motion carried.