

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 31, 2022, 4:11 p.m. – 4:23 p.m.
DDD Ronald Gardner Board Room**

Roll taken, Quorum present - Meeting called to order at 4:11 p.m.

Members Present: Gregory Curtis, Carla Major, Chris Ross, Cleveland Spears

Members Absent: N/A

Other Board Members Present: N/A

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

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

Call for Public Input Cards: Aaron Jordan's letter was read during Finance Meeting chair made a request that without objection a copy be placed in the minutes.

Public Comments: – N/A

Action Items:

- Approval of July 27, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – **Action Item**
- Approval of Extension of Sidewalk Cleaning Contract – **Action Item**
- Approval of Resolution for Authorized Check Signers – **Action Item**
- Approval of 2022 Budget Reforecast – **Action Item**

Approval of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from July 27, 2022-Action Item:

Chair Curtis requested a motion to approve the July 27, 2022, meeting minutes Motion by Commissioner Ross. Second by Vice Chair Major. Motion carried.

Approval of Extension of Sidewalk Cleaning Contract – Action Item

- DDD will work with the contractor to hire staff from local/state agencies and commit to second chance hiring
- Contractor will have a representative available to attend one (1) board meeting per quarter to update on work in the district
- DDD will have flexibility regarding future wage increases. \$2:00 per hour

Motion by Commissioner Major to accept the with the above changes as suggested during the finance meeting. Second by Commissioner Spears. Motion carried

Approval of Resolution for Authorized Check Signers – Action Item

- Adding the 5th commissioner from the executive committee in group 2, Commissioner Paul Flower and adding T.Trent Dang, Director of Marketing from group 1 as a signers.

Motion by Commissioner Ross Second by Commissioners Spears. Motion Carried

Approval of 2022 Budget Reforecast – Action Item

- Highlights:
 - Line 22 keep in the budget
 - Line 93 keep in the budget

Motion by Commissioner Major to accept the with changes as suggested during the finance meeting.
Second by Commissioner Ross. Motion carried

Project Updates: N/A

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

- President Barbour has invited CAO Montano and Captain Ganthier to update the Board on September 7th.
- Chair Curtis suggested presentations/updates by staff, CAO and police be rotated every other month at least every 60-days

Executive Session: N/A

Adjournment

Move to adjourn by Commissioner Major and seconded by Commissioner Spears, Motion carried

September 26, 2022

Public Comment Card Submitted by Aaron J. Jordan, DDD Executive Committee Meeting, Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., Regarding Agenda Item# V.

Dear Members of the DDD Board:

Before you vote on Agenda Item# V, I would like to bring to the attention of this Board and the public that the DDD has failed to timely post the Minutes from its Board Meetings to its website, in violation of The Louisiana Open Meetings Law. These Minutes are required by law to be posted in a reasonable amount of time, however, the DDD has waited over four-months in some cases to post these Minutes, keeping the public and downtown taxpayers in the dark as to its actions. I have filed a written complaint with the Louisiana Attorney General's Office regarding this failure on the part of the DDD and its staff. Miraculously, after I notified the Attorney General, the DDD managed to post past due Minutes from April through June of 2022. It is rather ironic that the DDD spends taxpayer money to hire a panel of high-priced attorneys from the prominent law firm of Stone Pigman to sit in at its Board Meetings as legal counsel. However, these high-priced Stone Pigman attorneys were not savvy enough to realize that the DDD's staff was failing to timely post the Minutes from these Board Meetings to its website, as required by The Louisiana Open Meetings Law. It is my understanding that the DDD's Director of Finance and Administration Anthony Carter is the responsible party at the DDD tasked with ensuring that the Board Minutes are posted to the website in a timely manner. Once again, Mr. Carter has failed in his duties and obligations to the DDD, the Board, and the downtown taxpayers. Mr. Carter should have been terminated from the DDD long ago, however, he remains there as a symbol of the DDD's insane woke agenda to promote failure and excuses instead of success and results. I'm sure CEO Barbour will have a list of tired excuses ready, as he usually does, to gloss over and dismiss the DDD's failures and Mr. Carter's ineptness. In closing, I would urge downtown taxpayers to demand better from the DDD and insist that Mr. Carter is terminated before he can do any further harm.

Sincerely,
AARON J. JORDAN