

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 26, 2022, 4:00 p.m. – 4:42 p.m.
DDD Ronald Gardner Board Room**

Roll taken, Quorum present - Meeting called to order at 4:02 p.m.

Members Present: Gregory Curtis, Chris Ross, Cleveland Spears, Paul Flower

Members Absent: Vice Chair Carla Major,

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:

Chair Curtis made a chair ruling on written public comments for meetings. If possible, written public comments will be disseminated to the board prior to meetings. A copy of the public comment will be placed at their seating prior to the meeting. Chair Curtis asked the members present if there are any objections putting those comments in the minutes in lieu of having them read. Going forward if any of the commissioners would like to speak regarding the public comments, or if the person who wrote the public comment is present, they can speak at the meeting. Otherwise, written public comments without objection, will be placed in the meeting minutes. For this meeting, because the members did not have prior access to this public, we will read this public comment at this meeting. Moving forward, we will adhere to the suggested process unless there is an objection from the commissioners. Legal counsel was consulted before making the ruling. The commissioners agreed with the suggested process.

Public comment submitted by Aaron J. Jordan regarding Agenda Item #VIII. Mr. Jordan expressed the following concerns:

1. Mr. Jordan accuses the DDD of a cover-up regarding the termination of staff members. He is upset Anthony Carter denied his public record request received on October 11, 2022, via USPS for employment documents of the employees who are no longer with the DDD.
2. He says Chair Curtis is not investigating the termination of a past staff member as promised in the September 2022 board meeting

Note: Anthony Carter after consulting with counsel, Mr. Carter responded via email and USPS on October 13, 2022, letting Mr. Jordan know that public employees have an expectation of privacy against disclosure of sensitive personnel records which is guaranteed by the Louisiana Constitution of 1974,

Public Comments: – N/A

Action Items:

- Approval of August 31, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – **Action Item**
- Approval of 2023 Meeting Dates – **Action Item**

Approval of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from August 31, 2022-Action Item:

Chair Curtis requested a motion to approve the August 31, 2022, meeting minutes Motion by Treasure Ross. Second by Secretary Spears. Motion carried.

Approval of 2023 Meeting Dates– Action Item

Chair Curtis suggested a change to the time of the executive committee – it will start at 3:30 pm.

No objection by Secretary Spears. Motion by Commissioner Flower, seconded by Secretary Spears. Motion carried.

Project Updates: Nothing was presented at this time, because the DDD team with CEO Barbour was attending the City Council Quality of Life Committee. CEO Barbour and team will address DDD Homeless Outreach

Old Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

Executive Session: Motion by Commissioner Flower, Seconded by Secretary Spears. Motion carried. Roll called. Motion to come out of Executive Session by Secretary Spears. Second by Treasurer Ross. No business. Motion carried. Roll Called

Chair Curtis asked for clarification on the procedure regarding the recommendation for compensation for CEO Barbour. The recommendation will be sent to individual board members from the chair prior to the meeting. The recommendation for compensation will be placed on the agenda at next executive meeting which will then be presented to the board of commissioner.

Notes:

CEO Barbour:

- Successful presentation at the City Council Quality of Life Meeting addressing DDD action on homelessness
- CEO Barbour is working on a CEA for Harmony Circle with State Rep. Royce Duplessis. CEO Barbour will submit a Capital Outlay Request to the city to assist with this project.
- CEO Barbour is working on a CEA for NOPJF for SafeCams

Adjournment

Move to adjourn by Treasurer Ross and seconded by Secretary Spears, Motion carried