

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 3:30 p.m.
DDD Ronald Gardner Board Room**

Roll taken - Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Gregory Curtis, Secretary Cleveland Spears, Vice Chair Carla Major, Treasurer Chris Ross,

Members Absent: Commissioner Paul Flower

Other Board Members Present: N/A

Staff/Counsel Present: Davon Barbour, Anthony Carter, 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 January 25, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – **Action Item***

Approval of Stormwater Escrow Transfer – **Action Item***

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Motion to approve by Treasurer Chris Ross, seconded by Vice Chair Major. Motion carried

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Accept a motion by the Finance Committee, Second by Vice Chair Major Motion carried

Project Updates:

- City has signed an agreement with Wingate Engineering to conduct the design for the Stormwater project
- CAO Montano will not be attending the Board of Commissioners Meeting. Ms. Courtney Wong, Deputy Director of Economic Development will attend. Ms. Wong will not report on any matters during this meeting. Chair Curtis would like to have an update from the Department of Economics. President & CEO Barbour will follow up with Ms. Wong.

- Potential action item for the agenda:
 - CEA with city for the DDD to manage Harmony Circle
 - An application was submitted to the state for a capital outlay grant in the amount of \$5M.
 - Senator Royce Duplessis is sponsoring the application. As part of the process, DDD must have site control, which will be granted through a CEA with the City.
 - The city attorney's office is finalizing the agreement.
 - Chair Curtis asked that staff provide an overview to be included in the Board packets.
 - Secretary Cleveland Spears is concerned about the DDD being responsible if the funds are not forthcoming. He was assured that his concerns are addressed in the agreement.
 - The DDD will not be liable for funds or maintaining Harmony Circle if this falls through.
 - The City Department of Park and Parkways is presently responsible for Harmony Circle.
 - The Commissioners were assured that there would be public hearings.
 - Chair Curtis believes this can be a DDD Legacy.
 - President & CEO Barbour clarified that this is the very beginning of this process. The vision is to improve the space, to raise dollars, to engage the community

Old Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

Executive Session: N/A

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn Vice Chair Majors, seconded by Secretary Cleveland Spears. Motion carried