

Downtown Development District Board of Commissioners Meeting  
Ronald E. Gardner Board Room  
Monday, February 5, 2024– 3:00 PM  
**In Person**

Roll taken, Quorum present – Meeting called to order at 3:07 p.m.

**Members Present:** Gregory Curtis, Chris Ross, Carla Major, Edwin Murray, Alex Glaser, Leann Moses, Kristi Taglauer,

**Members Absent:** Coleman Adler, Damon Burns, William Bradshaw

**Staff/Counsel Present:** President & CEO Davon Barbour, Bianka Brown, CFO, Stuart Taylor, Christopher Kane, Legal Counsel Adams & Reese, Erica Sensenbrenner, Adams & Reese

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

**Call for Public Input Cards:**

**Public Comments:** N/A

**In attendance:**

- Artist Matt Renard presented a painting as a gift to the 8<sup>th</sup> District for all the good work they did during the Barkus Parade
- Scott Polakoff, United 4 NOLA
- Troy Henry, Henry Consulting, LLC

**Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 5, 2023, Board Meeting – Action Item\***

Motion to approve by Secretary Taglauer, second Commissioner Moses. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

- a. Approval of November 2023 Financial Reports – Action Item\*
- b. Approval of December 2023 Financial Reports – Action Item\*
- c. Adoption of Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire – Action Item\*
- d. 2023 Audit Update

**Approval of November 2023 Financial Reports – Action Item\***

- Bianka Brown presented the November Financial Reports. Detailed November Financial Reports were attached to the packets sent out to all board members.

Motion to approve by the Financial Committee. Seconded by Secretary Taglauer. Motion carried

**Approval of December 2023 Financial Reports – Action Item\***

- Bianka Brown presented the unaudited December Financial Reports. There will be a re-forecast presented in June. It will be approximately 30-days before DDD receives from the city information on the ad-valorem taxes. Detailed December Financial Reports were attached to the packets sent out to all board members.

Motion to approve by the Financial Committee. Seconded by Secretary Taglauer. Motion carried

#### **Adoption of Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire – Action Item\***

- Motion to approve by the Finance Committee with the requested changes (changes were made to Part 1- Paragraph 3 and Paragraph 5.), seconded by Secretary Taglauer. Motion carried.
- 2023 Audit Update: Onboarding of the new audit firm completed. All relevant parties e.g., City of New Orleans, have been notified of the change.

#### **Chair's Report: N/A**

#### **President's Report:**

- DDD Chief Placemaking Officer, Hunter Hebert and DDD Economic Development Specialist, Tyler Correa presented DDD comprehensive strategy for improving the 100 Block of Carondelet/Bourbon streets

#### **President & CEO Davon Barbour:**

- Economic Development: Detailed reports were sent out in the Board Packet
- Marketing & Communications: Detailed reports were sent out in the Board Packet
- Operations Public Safety & Public Space Maintenance: Detailed reports were sent out in an email to the Board of Commissioners.
- Briefed the board on Washington Mardi Gras. The team was introduced to Senator Bill Cassidy. DDD will be collaborating with the Senator's staff
- 1/18/24 – President & CEO Barbour participated in ICSC online seminar on retail revitalization
- 2/28 – 3/1/2024 – DDD will take part in the ICSC retail conference at Roosevelt Hotel
- DDD continues to collaborate with downtown organizations in Louisiana. President & CEO Davon Barbour, Hunter Hebert, Chief Placemaking Officer, recently attended Lunch & Learn in Lafayette
- Calendar invite forthcoming for the State of Downtown Breakfast which will be held on 3/22/24
- President & CEO introduced/welcomed Jared Brossett, Director of Public Policy & External Affairs

#### **Old Business: N/A**

#### **New Business: N/A**

**Executive Session:** Motion by Commissioner Moses to enter Executive Session. Second by Vice-Chair Carla Major. Motion Carried. Roll called. Quorum. Discussion held regarding status and strategy of open litigation in the matter of Aaron Jordan v. Downtown Development District, et al. pending in the Eastern District of Louisiana, Civil Action No. 21-1323. Attorney of record Luke LaHaye of Adams and Reese was present virtually. Roll called to come out of Executive Session. Quorum. No action was taken during Executive Session

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Vice-Chair, seconded by Major Secretary Taglauer. Motion carried