

Meeting Minutes

City of Newnan Downtown Development Authority

Wednesday, August 14, 2019

8:00 am – Newnan City Hall

Members Present: Ray DuBose, Keith Brady, Casey Smith, Jim Thomasson, Brant Frost, Martha Ann Parks, Graylin Ward

Staff Present: Abigail Strickland, Hasco Craver

Visitors Present:

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:01am
2. The previous meeting minutes from both June and July meetings were reviewed by the Authority. Casey Smith made a motion to accept June and July meeting minutes as presented to the Authority. Brant Frost seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. Abigail Strickland presented the financial report and noted the following account balances:
 - a. BOZ Primary- \$28,111.72
 - b. BOZ MMI – \$118,769.87
 - c. YTD Income - \$63,232.25
 - d. YTD Expense - \$66,251.06
4. Abigail Strickland provided an update regarding ongoing projects. Team Better Block hosted a walk and talk meeting to hear from the community about the alleyway between Central Baptist Church and the Carnegie Library. Strickland informed the Authority that the plan for the alley has not been received yet but expects it in the next few weeks. Ray DuBose stated that those who attended the meeting were cautious at first but then enthusiastic about the project. Keith Brady questioned if there was a naming opportunity for the alley. Keith Brady stated that he read an article written by Winston Skinner in the Newnan Times Herald that Charles Thompson should be recognized in the alleyway project. Charles Thompson was a young man who wrote letters to Andrew Carnegie to open a Carnegie Library in downtown Newnan. Charles Thompson's letters were successful and the Carnegie Library opened after he passed away. Brant Frost asked if the descendants of Charles Thompson still lived in Newnan. Keith Brady stated he was unsure. Jim Thomasson questioned whether the owners of the surrounding properties of the alley were on board with the project. Ray DuBose stated that all parties (Headley's, members of Central Baptist Church, and Carnegie Library staff) were present and provided input. Ray DuBose stated the meeting was positive and that starting some small project could get more traction for the project.
5. There was no new business to report.
6. Abigail Strickland provided the manager's report regarding past and upcoming events:

- a. The last Summer NewnaNights was hosted on August 8th at Greenville Street Park. The event series was extremely successful. The August event did have less attendance as the June and July events but that was due to school being back in session.
 - b. The Sunrise on the Square Road Race already has approximately 140 runners registered. The race facilitator, Gary Jenkins, mentioned that he expected to have between 300-350 runners by race day. Abigail Strickland informed the Authority that the Boys & Girls Club have been great race partners so far. They have met all deadlines and have been appropriately communicative.
7. The meeting was adjourned 8:11am.

Next Meeting:
Wednesday, September 11, 2019
8:00 am – Newnan City Hall