MEETING MINUTES

City of Newnan
Downtown Development Authority
Wednesday, June 9, 2021
8:00 am – Newnan City Hall
25 Lagrange Street- Council Chamber Room

Members Present: Keith Brady, Ray Dubose, Brant Frost, Jim Thomasson, Martha Ann Parks, Graylin Ward
Members Absent: Casey Smith
Staff Present: Abigail Strickland, Hasco Craver, Jesse Branch
Visitors Present: Joe Adgie

The meeting was called to order at 8:00am.

The previous meeting minutes were reviewed by the Authority. Jim Thomasson made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the previous meeting as presented to the Authority. Keith Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Abigail Strickland presented the Financial Report to the Authority, noting the following account balances:

a. **BOZ Primary: $16,257.50**
b. **BOZ MMI: $108,775.52**

Abigail Strickland noted an increase of $10,000 from the sale of Summer Wined-Up tickets.

Abigail Strickland updated the Authority on the 2021-2023 Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan was derived from the results of the Strategic Planning Retreat. Keith Brady made a motion to adopt the 2021-2023 Strategic Plan as reviewed by the Authority. Jim Thomasson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jim Thomasson addressed the issue of neglected properties with the Authority. Jim questioned whether there is a City Ordinance regarding properties that fall into disrepair. Keith Brady noted that Code Enforcement has policies for Commercial buildings and that all complaints regarding commercial buildings are reported to Code Enforcement.

Jim Thomasson presented the idea to the Authority of allowing tasting events at retail locations outside of the normally sanctioned Summer Wined-Up and Oktoberfest events. This would allow businesses such as Cleaver & Cork and Ace Beer Growlers to host wine-tasting and beer-tasting events periodically. Brant Frost suggested that staff research three different jurisdictions that allow for these events and determine whether or not it would be a good fit for our community in regards to the pros and cons of allowing these events. Keith Brady recommended staff draft a letter of support of approval from the Authority that would be reviewed at the next meeting. Jim

Thomasson made a motion for staff to draft the letter of support by the next meeting. Brant Frost seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Abigail Strickland presented an upcoming field trip opportunity to the Authority. The field trip would be to The Works Atl which is an adaptive reuse project similar to Caldwell Tanks site. This field trip would allow for the Authority to view The Works Atl and compare it to the Caldwell Tanks site in order to promote ideas for the mixed-use project forthcoming at the Caldwell Tanks site. Staff will send out an email with a link to the The Works Atl as well as potential field trip dates following the meeting.

Jesse Branch updated the Authority on upcoming summer events. The first Summer NewnaNights of the summer will be on June 10th from 6pm-9pm. Currently, 365 Summer Wined-Up tickets have been sold; all tickets are expected to be sold in the next week and will be sold out before the event, which will be on June 18th from 5pm-9pm. The Farm to Main Street Farmer's Market is set to kick-off on June 14th from 2pm-6pm. This farmer's market will be every Monday from June 14th-October 11th and takes place on South Court Square.

Abigail Strickland questioned whether the Authority should meet on July 14th, as generally the Authority omits the July and December meeting. Martha Ann Parks made a motion that the Authority should not meet in July. Brant Frost seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Abigail Strickland updated the Authority on a Certificate of Appropriateness that was awarded to Redneck Gourmet. The Planning Department approved the use of the rooftop as well as patio-seating on an awning that will be constructed in order to create a second floor dining space.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25am.

Next Meeting:
Wednesday, August 11, 2021
8:00 am – Newnan City Hall
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