MEETING MINUTES

City of Newnan
Downtown Development Authority
Wednesday, April 13th, 2022
8:00 am – Newnan City Hall
25 Lagrange Street- Council Chamber Room

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:01am.

The previous meeting minutes were reviewed by the Authority. Brant Frost 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: $18,875.94**
b. **BOZ MMI: $108,853.94**
c. **YTD Income: $12,185.76**
d. **YTD Expense: $16,828.14**
    - **Net Income: -$4,642.38**

Abigail Strickland noted that the decrease in Net Income is due to the payments to TSW for the Downtown Design Guidelines.

Abigail Strickland presented an updated map to the Authority that included potential properties to be included in the DDA district boundaries including: the Linc Trailhead, the Headley Properties, the Newnan Lofts, First Avenue Park, the commercial properties near First Avenue Park, and 85 Jackson. Abigail noted that adding these properties to the district would cause no changes in rules, regulations, or enforcements imposed on the businesses. Brant Frost made a motion that City Staff reach out to all suggested properties before adding them to the DDA district.

Abigail Strickland reminded the Authority that Bike Coweta has two bike racks ready for installation in downtown. One proposed location is in front of the Alamo, to replace the current bike rack which is not in compliance with the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) requirements. Another possible location is near the Redneck Gourmet. Jim Thomasson made a motion to place the two bike racks at the Alamo and the Redneck Gourmet. Martha Ann Parks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Abigail Strickland updated the Authority on the Downtown Design Guidelines progress. Abigail had a virtual meeting with the TSW team on Monday, April 11th, where they presented a rough draft. Abigail noted that they are planning on hosting their first public meeting in Newnan on June 7th sometime in the afternoon or evening. Abigail Strickland recommended the Authority to consider transferring funds from the Money Market account to the Primary Checking to cover the cost of the downtown design guidelines. Casey Smith made a motion to go ahead and transfer the total amount of $32,500 from the MMI. Brant Frost seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Abigail Strickland updated the Authority on the Georgia Trust Fall Ramble occurring in Newnan from October 14th-October 16th. The committee for the Fall Ramble has requested a sponsorship from the DDA. Ray Dubose recommended to send the sponsorship information to City Leadership along with Explore Newnan-Coweta.

Abigail Strickland asked Keith Brady to update the Authority on the Caldwell Tanks project. Keith Brady noted that the City Council heard from two firms at the April 12th meeting who presented their qualifications for the project as well as their rough design ideas. Demolition for the site is expected to be completed in the next 60 days, sometime in late May or early June.

Abigail Strickland mentioned to the Authority that the Georgia Downtown Association Regional Meet Up will be hosted in the Newnan City Council Chambers on Friday, April 22nd from 10am-2pm. Abigail invited the Authority to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37am.

Next Meeting:
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