

MEETING MINUTES

**City of Newnan
Downtown Development Authority
Wednesday, March 9th, 2022
8:00 am – Newnan City Hall
25 Lagrange Street- Council Chamber Room**

Members Present: Keith Brady, Brant Frost, Martha Ann Parks, Jim Thomasson

Members Absent: Ray Dubose, Casey Smith, Graylin Ward

Staff Present: Abigail Strickland, Jesse Branch

Visitors Present: Joe Adgie

The meeting was called to order at 7:59am.

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

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

- a. BOZ Primary: \$25,875.01**
- b. BOZ MMI: \$108,849.70**
- c. YTD Income: \$10,820.01**
- d. YTD Expense: \$9,812.12**
 - Net Income: \$1,007.89**

Abigail Strickland noted that there is an increase in income from the Market Day Annual Vendor fees.

Abigail Strickland updated the Authority on the ARPA application, noting that the ARPA Funds were awarded to the Authority for the Improvement of Carnegie-Thompson Alley. The Mayor and Council awarded the DDA with \$50,000 for the alleyway project which was adapted as a concept in 2019. This project will include alleyway repavement, updating/repairing the water line, permanent signage, lighting, artist mural and supplies, planters, seating, and removable bollards.

Abigail Strickland presented a 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. Brant Frost asked what the benefit is to the Authority for including these properties in the district boundaries. Jim Thomasson noted that it would allow for the Downtown Design Guidelines to apply to those properties in order to create a consistent architectural guideline for everything in the district. It would also allow the Authority to be involved in the Linc Trailhead

project. Jim Thomasson requested if the decision regarding expanding the boundaries and which properties to include in the expansion could be addressed at the next meeting.

Jim Thomasson noted 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. Other possible locations will be discussed and determined at the next meeting.

Martha Ann Parks noted that there are several areas throughout the district where there are bricks that are coming up and causing tripping hazards. Keith Brady requested Staff to instruct Public Works could complete a comprehensive assessment of the bricks and pavers in the downtown district that need to be repaired.

Abigail Strickland updated the Authority on the NCAC's Open Container Request for their Summer Concert Series in Greenville Street Park on June 10th, July 8th, August 5th, and September 9th. Keith Brady made a motion to approve the Open Container Request to continue to City Council. Brant Frost seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jesse Branch updated the Authority on the upcoming Spring Art Walk to be held on March 25th from 5pm-9pm as well as the first Market Day of the season to be held on April 2nd from 10am-2pm. The vendors for the first Market Day will be selected by Friday, March 11th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21am.

**Next Meeting:
Wednesday, April 13th, 2022
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