

Meeting Minutes

**City of Newnan
Downtown Development Authority
Wednesday, May 10, 2023
8:00 am – Newnan City Hall
25 Lagrange Street- Council Chamber Room**

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

Members Absent: Keith Brady

Staff Present: Abigail Strickland, Jesse Branch, Hasco Craver

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

The previous meeting minutes were reviewed by the Authority. Casey Smith made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the previous meeting as presented to the Authority. Ray DuBose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

- i. BOZ primary: \$16,764.88
- ii. MMI: \$81,439.12
- iii. YTD Income: \$13,475.51
- iv. YTD Expense: \$15,801.72
 - 1. Net Income: -2155.45

Abigail Strickland noted that \$5,000 was transferred out of the MMI, and that the Authority should see an upcoming increase in Net Income due to the May Market Day deposit and the sale of Summer Wined-Up tickets beginning on Friday, May 12th.

Abigail Strickland updated the Authority on the Wadsworth Alley project. Staff including Abigail, Hasco Craver, and members of the Public Works & Engineering Department will be meeting with Krebs Engineering in the alleyway on May 16th at 2pm in order to address the draining problem and come up with a plan to develop a clean, usable public space.

Abigail Strickland updated the Authority on the Carnegie-Thompson Alleyway project. Abigail noted that the light art boxes have shipped and they should go up easily and installed quickly once they arrive.

Abigail Strickland informed the Authority that DCA has updated the MOU for 2023-2024. These updates include an increased meeting requirement of 11 meetings per year, as well as 2 hours of required training hours per year per member. Abigail noted that the Authority normally votes to cancel the meetings in July and December and that due to these new requirements that may need to be addressed as we move throughout the year. Abigail also noted that there are several upcoming training opportunities – both in-person and online – that the Authority can engage in

to meet the training requirements, and that she will send out an email with these opportunities to the Authority. Abigail mentioned that Jesse Branch could help facilitate training opportunities that could occur during the fall DDA meetings while Abigail is out on leave. Jim Thomasson asked if this could be discussed further at the next meeting.

Abigail Strickland noted that Newnan will be one of the hosts of the Mobilize Main Street program in October, where downtown professionals from all over the state will gather to enjoy downtown Newnan and learn about Main Street Newnan's and the Authority's successes and upcoming projects. Jim Thomasson noted that all members of the Authority should add this to their calendars and plan to be present during this event.

Lastly, Abigail updated the Authority on property developments within the district. 2 Greenville Street is currently under construction; Sure Bride will be moving from their current location at 4 Greenville Street into that space, and Pink Flamingo, a children's toy store, will be opening at 4 Greenville Street once Sure Bride vacates. Piano Crafters at 2 Jackson Street has closed, and Distinctive Personnel will be moving into that space from 5 ½ West Washington Street. Truffles Vein Specialists should be opening their location on East Court Square sometime in May/June. One Eleven at 7 Jackson Street is looking to sell their business. Bolton's Bakery on East Broad Street has closed, as well as Loyalty Patch at 3 East Broad; a luxury home goods store will be moving into 3 East Broad.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13am.

**Next Meeting:
Wednesday, June 14, 2023
8:00 am – Newnan City Hall
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