

Meeting Minutes

**City of Newnan
Downtown Development Authority
Wednesday, October 11, 2023
8:00 am – Newnan City Hall
25 Lagrange Street- Council Chamber Room**

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

Members Absent: Brant Frost

Staff Present: Jesse Branch, Hasco Craver

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

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. Keith Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jesse Branch presented the Financial Report to the Authority, noting the following account balances:

- i. BOZ primary: \$15,778.18
- ii. MMI: \$81,473.48
- iii. YTD Income: \$58,906.80
- iv. YTD Expense: \$48,937.49
 - 1. Net Income: \$9,969.31

Jesse Branch noted that this Financial Report does not reflect the sponsorship check that still needs to go to the Boys and Girls Club once all the Sunrise on the Square expenses have been paid.

Jesse Branch updated the Authority on the Wadsworth Alley. Jesse noted that there was a meeting on September 18th with a representative from Krebs Engineering and the adjacent property owners in the alley in order to discuss the project and any upcoming changes that may happen. Keith Brady mentioned that the space at the entrance of the alley may need to be re-marked as a “no parking zone” since it is currently being utilized as a parking space and blocking entrance into the alleyway.

Jesse Branch updated the Authority on the Carnegie-Thompson Alley. Jesse noted that the light boxes have been installed, we are on the Public Works schedule for the bollard installation, and the string lights are in the process of going up.

Jesse Branch updated the Authority on the Mobilize Main Street event. This event occurred in downtown Newnan on Thursday, October 5th from 10:00am-2:00pm. Roughly 40 downtown professionals from across the state toured downtown as part of a continuing education and networking event. The itinerary included a welcome at 10:00am, tours of the district from

10:30am-12:30pm, lunch at 12:30pm, and networking at 1:30pm. The event was a great success thanks to the help from many members of the Authority.

Jesse Branch notified the Authority that Bike Coweta has donated two more “bike” bike racks to be placed in the downtown district. Hasco Craver noted that somewhere near the LINC Trailhead in downtown and near Greenville Street Park could be two good locations. Keith Brady agreed with the placement of the bike racks, but noted that the LINC Trailhead may need updated signage to indicate parking signs and officially marking the trailhead. Keith noted that this may be part of the bi-centennial park plans.

Jesse Branch updated the Authority on the Fall Art Walk, Oktoberfest, and Spirits & Spice Festival events. The Fall Art Walk was a great success, with a great turnout in downtown. The Oktoberfest event was sold out and was well attended by ticket-holders and non-ticket-holders alike. The Spirits & Spice Festival will be happening next Saturday, October 21st from 2pm-7pm.

Lastly, Jesse Branch reminded the Authority that the online Switch to Six training needs to be completed by the end of the year. Jesse also reminded the Authority to RSVP for the Annual Volunteer Banquet if they have not done so already.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18am.

Next Meeting:
Wednesday, November 8, 2023
8:00 am – Newnan City Hall
25 Lagrange Street- Council Chamber Room