Meeting Minutes

City of Newnan
Downtown Development Authority
Wednesday, June 12, 2024
8:00 am – Newnan City Hall
25 Lagrange Street- Council Chamber Room

Members Present: Valerie Dumas, Brant Frost, Martha Ann Parks, Casey Smith, Graylin Ward
Members Absent: Keith Brady, Ashley Keeley
Staff Present: Abigail Strickland, Hasco Craver, Jesse Branch

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

The previous meeting minutes were reviewed by the Authority. Martha Ann Parks 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:

i. BOZ primary: $17,661.25
ii. MMI: $86,530.13
iii. YTD Income: $26,326.14
iv. YTD Expense: $20,427.42
    1. Net Income: $5898.72

Abigail Strickland announced the 34 Greenville Street DDRLF project received an award letter from the Department of Community Affairs ($250,000) and Georgia Cities Foundation ($200,000). The Statement of Contract Award and General and Special Conditions require signatures.

Abigail Strickland and Jesse Branch provided updates on work plan goals. Casey Smith noted that his second story activation project is underway at 11-13 Greenville Street. Abigail noted that Ashley Keeley will be providing updates to the branding for the Future Development Preparation goal in the next week. Jesse Branch noted that she is currently finalizing the inventory of needs for Volunteer Support, as well as building out the volunteer program as a whole. The Authority should expect requests for feedback on the inventory/program outline. Lastly, Abigail noted that Lauren Vanden Huevel, the Main Street summer intern, has begun working on the Building History Tour. She has already met with Casey and will be meeting with the Newnan-Coweta History Center tomorrow. Once she finalizes Redneck Gourmet's, she will work on other buildings throughout the district. The project aims to share history about the buildings versus history of businesses.

Abigail Strickland presented the changes to the bylaws that were requested by the Authority, which includes verbiage for an "excused" absence. Brant Frost made a motion to accept the

bylaws as presented with the excused absence. Martha Ann Parks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Abigail Strickland noted that Historical Concepts will be hosting a public engagement session regarding the "Railroad District" on Tuesday, June 18th at 6:00pm. The meeting will be hosted at 54 Perry Street.

Hasco Craver announced he has some updates he would like to share with the authority regarding downtown real estate but encouraged the authority to consider entering executive session.

Motion by Brant Frost, seconded by Martha Ann Parks that we now enter into closed session as allowed by O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4 and pursuant to advice by the City Attorney, for the purpose of discussing real estate and that we move, in open session to adopt a resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor or presiding officer to execute an affidavit in compliance with O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4, and that this body ratify the actions of the Authority taken in closed session and confirm that the subject matters of the closed session were within exceptions permitted by the open meetings law.

Motion by Brant Frost, seconded by Martha Ann Parks to authorize the Chairman Casey Smith to execute the affidavit stating that the subject matter of the closed portion of the Authority was within the exceptions provided by O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4(b).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30am.

Next Meeting:
Wednesday, July 10, 2024
8:00 am – Newnan City Hall
25 Lagrange Street- Council Chamber Room