

**Athens Downtown Development Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, August 5, 2021
2:00pm – 4:00pm
Athens-Clarke County City Hall, Room 103**

REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Ford, David Lynn, Jason Leonard, Mike Hamby, Kelly Girtz, Whit Richardson, and Drew Dekle

OTHERS PRESENT: Greg Sowell, Sam Levy, Rachel Swartz, Kirby Glaze, and Mike Carpenter, and Blake Aued

1. **Approval of Minutes** – Kelly Girtz motioned to approve the minutes from June 10, 2021. Whit Richardson seconded. Motion approved.

2. **Public Input** - none

3. **Community Reports**

- **CVB** -
- **Chamber** – Whit Richardson announced that the Chamber held a very successful mid-year even at Terrapin. Check out the Chamber website for all events and updates.
- **DABA** – none
- **Downtown Outreach** – Michael Bien has taken a position with the CDC.

4. **Executive Session** – Drew Dekle motioned to enter executive session and Whit Richardson seconded at 2:06pm. Motion approved.

At 3:18pm, Drew Dekle motioned to return to regular board meeting session and Whit Richardson seconded. Motion approved.

5. **Directors' Report**

Planning and Outreach

A. Wayfinding Update – David Lynn presented wayfinding proofs to the board.

B. Clayton Street Rendering – a rendering of the Clayton Street project to show the finished concept of the construction project. Postcards and banners will be made to help communicate the progress.

Business Services

C. Built for Zero – Strategy to End Homelessness – ADDA Intern, Sam Levy presented an overview of the Built for Zero program to the board. This is a program that uses community collaboration and data with the goal to end chronic homelessness.

D. Façade Grant Request – Agora – Whit Richardson motioned to approve the grant as presented. Drew Dekle seconded. Motion approved.

E. Façade Grant Request – 9d’s Bar – Drew Dekle moved to approve up to \$875 for this grant pending completed documentation. Mike Hamby seconded. Motion approved.

6. **Old Business** - none
7. **New Business** – Board retreat is scheduled for October 4, 2021
8. **Financial Report** – Parking ended up the year down about \$1mil from pre-covid years.
9. **Suggest agenda topics for following month’s meeting** – Drew Dekle wanted to look at shuttle options from parking lots to downtown.
10. **Adjourn** – Whit Richardson motioned to adjourn, and Drew Dekle seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:44pm. The next meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2021.

Jason Leonard, Board Chair

Linda Ford, Director of Business Services

David Lynn, Director of Planning and Outreach