

**Athens Downtown Development Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, February 10, 2022
2:00pm-4:00pm
Gameday Building Conference Room**

REGULAR MEETING

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Greg Sowell, Rachel Swartz, Sam Levy, Kirby Glaze, Steve Weiss, and Mike Carpenter

1. **Approval of Minutes** – Kelly Girts motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting Drew Dekle seconded. Motion approved.

2. **Public Input** – none

3. **Community Reports**

- **CVB** – none
- **Chamber** – The Annual Event for the Chamber will be Feb 15, 2022 at the Classic Center. Whit Richardson announced that this would be the last meeting he would attend as Chamber representative.
- **DABA** – none

4. **Senior Housing Project and Parking Deck Update** – Kirby Glaze, Steve Weiss and Mike Carpenter presented to the board the updated design and specs for the Senior House Project and Parking deck. The property is located adjacent to the Graduate Hotel and across from the Indigo Hotel and the Fire Station. It will have approximately 120 Senior Housing units with twin parking decks and retail space along Dougherty Street. There will be a total of 650 parking spaces, with 500 of those available for public parking. Approximately 10% of the housing will designated as affordable housing. The total cost for the projects is projected to be \$18 mil. The next step is to engage with the Fire Chief, Traffic Engineer, and the Planning Department. Kelly Girtz made a motion to approve the design concept and give the ADDA Staff authority to engage with WLM and ACC Departments and officials and instruct Attorney Sowell to develop language around including local subcontractors. Drew Dekle seconded. Motion approved.

5. Directors' Report

Planning and Outreach

- A. **Clayton Street Construction** – The Clayton Street Construction includes retractable bollards that will be placed at the intersection of College and Clayton Street. During a recent meeting with SPLOST representative Diana Jackson and the Astra construction team, the Directors inquired about adding additional bollards in the intersections along Clayton Street. The cost per bollard is \$2,027. Mike Hamby made a motion to allow the Directors and Staff to purchase as many bollards as deemed necessary. Drew Dekle seconded. Motion passed.
- B. **TSPLOST Project, College Square** – TSPLOST approved College Square as a project for \$500,000. If there are surplus funds from other projects, there is a possibility that more funds may become available.

Business Services

- C. **First American Bank & Trust Façade Grant Application** -First American Bank & Trust submitted an application for matching funds to update the Hancock Avenue entrance into the bank lobby. The Façade Grant Committee recommends approval for the grant, contingent on the project receiving a Certificate of Appropriateness. Kelly Girtz motioned to approve \$10,000 for a Façade Grant for the proposed restoration of the side entrance of First American Bank & Trust contingent on obtaining a COA. Mike Hamby seconded. Motion approved.
 - D. **Cook & Tolley Façade Grant** - Cook & Tolley Law firm applied for a Façade Grant requesting \$10,000 in matching funds for the repair and maintenance of the windows at their building at 304 E. Washington Street. Mike Hamby motioned to approve matching funds up to \$10,000 and Whit Richardson seconded. Motion passed.
- 6. **Financial Report** – Linda Ford presented the January parking summary to the board along with a report with parking revenues from the last 4 years.
 - 7. **Suggested Topics for following month's meeting** – The board would like to hear updates regarding the Costa Building project, Bus Kiosk, Ambassador Program, increase in people experiencing homelessness, and vandalism.
 - 8. **Adjourn** – Mike Hamby motioned to adjourn, and Drew Dekle seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:34 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for March 10 at 2:00pm. Location TBD.

Jason Leonard, Board Chair

Linda Ford, Director of Business Services

David Lynn, Director of Planning and Outreach