

**Athens Downtown Development Authority  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, June 9, 2022  
2:00pm-4:00pm  
Lyndon House Arts Center**

**REGULAR MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Ford, David Lynn, Jason Leonard, Mike Hamby, David Bradley, BJ Hardy, and Kelly Girtz

OTHERS PRESENT: Greg Sowell, Rachel Swartz, and Kirby Glaze

1. **Approval of Minutes** – Mike Hamby motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting and David Bradley seconded. Motion approved.

Kelly Girtz motioned to enter into executive session and Mike Hamby seconded. Motion approved.

2. **Executive Session** – Mike Hamby motioned to adjourn the executive session and David Bradley seconded.
3. **New Business** - Motion was made by Mike Hamby to amend the ADDA's agreement with CDP to extend the agreement through December of 2022. David Bradley second. Motion passed.
4. **Public Input** – none

**Community Reports**

- **CVB** – none
- **Chamber** – David Bradley reported that the Chamber will be taking an intercity leadership visit to Tuscaloosa on Aug 31, 2022.
- **DABA** – none

**5. Directors' Report**

**Planning and Outreach**

- A. **CEP FY 2023 Funding Request** – David Lynn presented the board with the funding recommendations for the Community Events Program (CEP) for the 2023 fiscal year. Sixteen events requested funding. Mike Hamby motioned to approve the FY23 CEP Funding Allocation Report and authorized the directors to present the funding request to the ACC Mayor and Commission for consideration and approval. David Bradley seconded. Motion passed.

**B. Downtown Park Update** – The ADDA committed to building a park at the corner of Lumpkin and Washington Street, next to the Costa Building. The ACC SPLOST asked the ADDA to delay construction on the park so that the parking lot could be used for a staging area for the renovation of the Costa Building. It was hoped that the construction firm working on the Costa Building, Sheridan Construction, could also develop the park and there would be a cost savings since the projects are connected. Preliminary budget estimates (prior to COVID) to develop the park were in the range of \$280K-\$300. Recently, the project was quoted by Sheridan Construction for \$571,879. WLA reduced the park to a very basic design for \$402,486. WLA design is going to reach out to other firms and see if the price can be reduced with another company.

**C. Rural Downtown Redevelopment Grant (Department of Community Affairs)** – A grant was submitted to the Department of Community Affairs for \$5M to aid in the redevelopment of College Square. Staff should know by July 2022 whether the funds will be awarded to Athens.

### **Business Services**

**D. FY23 Budget** – Mike Hamby motioned to approve the FY23 ADDA Budget and David Bradley seconded. Motion approved.

**E. ADDA Grant Report** – Linda Ford updated the board with a picture of the newest completed downtown mural on the doors of Dynamite Clothing by Eli Saragoussi and the new façade at Horton’s Drugs. Horton’s has received an Outstanding Rehabilitation Award from Historic Athens.

**F. Athens African American Heritage Room** – After the adjournment of the meeting the board took a tour of the African American Heritage Room that was partially funded by the AARP Challenge Grant that was awarded to the ADDA.

6. **Financial Report** – Parking reached almost \$300K in May.

7. **Suggested Topics for following month’s meeting** –

8. **Adjourn** – Mike Hamby motioned to adjourn the meeting and David Bradley seconded. Meeting adjourned.

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Jason Leonard, Board Chair

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Linda Ford, Director of Business Services

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David Lynn, Director of Planning and Outreach