

**Athens Downtown Development Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, December 8, 2022
2:00pm-4:00pm
Gameday Building Conference Room**

REGULAR MEETING

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Greg Sowell, Rachel Swartz, Susan Monteverde, Stephanie Slate, Phillip Bruce, and Jeremy Smith

- 1. Approval of Minutes** – Mike Hamby motioned to approve the minutes from the October 2022 Board meeting and Drew Dekle seconded. Motion passed.
- 2. Public Input** – Susan Monteverde read a letter to the board from Lynn Gaines with Safety Athens.

3. Community Reports

- **CVB** – Jay Boling is leaving the CVB
- **Chamber** – none
- **DABA** - none

5. Directors' Report

Planning and Outreach

- A. Ambassador Program Update** – Michelle Nguyen received the grant to begin the Downtown Ambassador program. Uniforms have been ordered and the ambassadors should start the program in time for the holiday shopping season.

Business Services

- B. 2023 Board Meeting Calendar** – Mike Hamby motioned for the board meeting to remain the second Thursday of the month at 2pm. David Bradley seconded. Motion passed
- C. 2023 Holiday Schedule** – Mike Hamby motioned that the ADDA follow Athens-Clarke County policy and observe 12 holidays. New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Earth Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Indigenous Peoples Day, Thanksgiving (two days), Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day.
- D. Clayton Street Late Night Congestion-** Downtown Precinct Lieutenant Basinger brought up an issue with congestion on Clayton Street late at night. Uber drivers sit waiting for their customers and then call 911, because the street is so congested that no one can come or go. Some ideas to help the

congestion is to allow for a multi-use of loading zones, or designated ride-share spaces. Kelly Girtz requested that the ADDA ask the Traffic Management Department for suggestions.

E. Parking Management Agreement – The current Parking Management Agreement (PMA) will expire on June 30, 2023. Central Services has notified the ADDA that the Facilities Management staff may not be able to fulfill the same level of service that they have provide in the past. This includes clearing storm drains, HVAC work, plumbing, graffiti removal, electrical, etc. Moving forward, the ADDA will need to seek outside vendors, which will be at an additional cost. Mike Hamby asked that this be put on hold for a later meeting.

F. License Plate Readers (LPRs) – Greg Sowell wrote a letter to County Manager, Blaine Williams, stating that funds will be provided to purchase LPRs and installed along the downtown corridors. After the funds are released, ADDA’s involvement in the project would end. The ADDA would not control the LPR’s, nor have any access to the information.

G. EV Chargers – Rachel Swartz presented the Board with research regarding EV Charging stations downtown. Mike Hamby asked that a recommendation be made at a future meeting.

6. **Financial Report** –Linda Ford presented the board with the Parking revenue from October. David Bradley asked about the decrease in parking revenue from 2019 and the revenue per meter.

7. **Suggested Topics for following month’s meeting** – the Board would like to talk about downtown waste collection and the eco-stations, take an inventory of the motorcycle parking spots, and other areas that could be marked as parking.

8. **Adjourn** – Kelly Girtz motioned to adjourn the meeting and David Bradley seconded. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be Thursday, January 12, 2023, in the Gameday Conference Room.

Jason Leonard, Board Chair

Linda Ford, Director of Business Services

David Lynn, Director of Planning and Outreach