

**Athens Downtown Development Authority  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, October 13, 2022  
2:00pm-4:00pm  
Gameday Building Conference Room**

**REGULAR MEETING**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Greg Sowell, Rachel Swartz, Susan Monteverde

1. **Approval of Minutes** – Mike Hamby motioned to approve the minutes from the September 2022 Board meeting and Kelly Girtz seconded. Motion passed.

2. **Public Input** – Susan Monteverde read a letter to the board and provided a petition regarding the Downtown Ambassador program. BJ Hardy brought up concerns regarding the pilot program for the Prince Ave Corridor Project.

3. **Community Reports**

- **CVB** – none
- **Chamber** – none
- **DABA** - none

5. **Directors' Report**

**Planning and Outreach**

**A. Bus Kiosk/Washington Street Master Plan Draft – Smith Planning Group** – Smith Planning group presented the board with a plan on how to activate the Bus Kiosk on Washington Street as well as develop a masterplan for most of the block at College Ave and Washington St near City Hall.

**Business Services**

**B. “RE-” Art Exhibition Banners & Upcoming ADDA Sponsored Events** – Linda Ford gave an update on projects that the ADDA has sponsored. The Lyndon House sponsors an art show for students of Clarke County School District. Twenty pieces of art that are exhibited in the show have been selected to be reproduced on banners and displayed throughout downtown. Also, other events downtown in the fall are the Athens Farmers Market, Downtown Culinary Market at Hendershots, Chautauqua Society performing at the Lyndon House, Wild Rumpus, LatinX, Athens Symphony Fall Concert, and the Parade of Lights. The ADDA is currently working on the African American Heritage Walk and continuing research on EV charging stations for downtown.

6. **Financial Report** – Linda Ford said the parking revenue is tracking with the revenue from last year and reported that Clayton Street didn't lose many parking spaces with the construction and redesign of the street.
7. **Suggested Topics for following month's meeting** – Kelly Girtz wanted the board to look into offering to host fireworks downtown for the next Fourth of July. ADDA Attorney Greg Sowell spoke with the ACC Attorney Judd Drake regarding the ADDA providing funds for license plate readers for the downtown area.
8. **Adjourn** – Kelly Girtz motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mike Hamby seconded.

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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