

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FOREST PARK
September 26, 2019
6:00 P.M.

Note:

Due to a data transfer, the original minutes for the September 26, 2019 DDA Meeting was lost. The following is a summation of the meeting based on a recording.

Call to Order:

The Downtown Development Authority Meeting of September 26, 2019 was called to order by Chairwoman, Angelyne Butler at 6:01 p.m.

Present

Chairwoman, Angelyne Butler; Angela Redding; Eliot Lawrence; Ed Taylor; Lois Wright, Steve Bernard

Also Present:

Shalonda Brown, City Clerk
Mike Williams, City Attorney
Ken Thompson, Finance Director
Lashawn Gardiner, Management Analyst

Absent: Jeremy Stratton

Discussion of Developer Meet and Greet Costs

Angelyne Butler provided a brief overview of what was happening with the planning of the Developer Meet & Greet. She noted that arrangements for food and transportation were secured and she was working on getting the portfolios printed. Angelyne Butler received a quote for \$2,500 from FedEx for 40 copies of the portfolio and is waiting to hear back from Clayton County Development Authority about how they may be able to assist with getting the portfolios printed. Angelyne Butler also explained what would be included in the portfolio and asked the board's opinion about including incentives.

Angela Redding mentioned Clayton County's Tier 1 status and Main Street's status as an Overlay District and Opportunity Zone as potential incentives to mention.

Lois Wright asked if any of the properties included were

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Development Authority properties that were currently occupied. Angelyne Butler stated that all properties were Development Authority properties, but not occupied properties.

Angelyne Butler went over the schedule for the Meet & Greet.

Approval of Meet & Greet Printing Expenses

Ed Taylor made a motion to approve the printing expenses, not exceeding \$3,000.

Angela Redding seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

Discussion of Tax Abatements

Mike Williams informed the board of the 5 separate tax abatements for Gillem Logistics Center buildings. The abatements were in reference to Buildings 200, 300, 400, 800, and 900. Mike Williams explained that the abatements were identical to the agreement made with HD Supply this time last year and were only for the buildings, not personal property. He asked if anyone had any conflicts of interest regarding the companies in the Gillem Logistics Center. Steve Bernard asked for the names of the companies. Mike Williams listed Forest Park Development Partners, Kuhne & Nagel, HD Supply, and Cummins. It was determined that there were no conflicts of interest.

Approval of Bond Resolution – Gillem Logistics Center – Building 200

Lois Wright made a motion to approve a bond resolution providing tax abatement at Gillem Logistics Center Building 200.

Angela Redding seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

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**Approval of Bond Resolution – Gillem
Logistics Center – Building 300**

Eliot Lawrence made a motion to approve a bond resolution providing tax abatement at Gillem Logistics Center Building 300.

Lois Wright seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

**Approval of Bond Resolution – Gillem
Logistics Center – Building 400**

Angela Redding made a motion to approve a bond resolution providing tax abatement at Gillem Logistics Center Building 400.

Ed Taylor seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

**Approval of Bond Resolution – Gillem
Logistics Center Building 800**

Ed Taylor made a motion to approve a bond resolution providing tax abatement at Gillem Logistics Center Building 800.

Eliot Lawrence seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

**Approval of Bond Resolution – Gillem
Logistics Center – Building 900**

Eliot Lawrence made a motion to approve a bond resolution providing tax abatement at Gillem Logistics Center Building 900.

Lois Wright seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

Appointment of Secretary

Lois Wright made a motion to nominate Ed Taylor as board secretary.

Angela Redding seconded motion.

Motion approved 5-1.

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Discussion Main Street Program

Steve Bernard requested an update on the Main Street Board. Angela Redding asked LaShawn Gardiner to update the board. Lashawn Gardiner explained that the Main Street Program is going through some changes and she attempted to get a Main Street Program representative to come to the meeting, but they declined and said they'd rather wait until the changes were made. Steve Bernard inquired about a timeline. LaShawn Gardiner said they should be done by the end of this year or beginning of next year.

No action taken.

Other Discussion

The board had an open discussion about different ways to promote the City, improve Main Street, and plans for Starr Park. Ideas included the following:

- Host sponsored and festivals
- Foster better relationships with current Forest Park business owners
- Look into utilizing TAD funds to make improvements on Main Street.
- Research smaller project ideas that could improve Main Street
- Start branding the DDA
- Research economic trends in surrounding areas
- Partnering with other authorities and organizations to further improvement goals.
- Find grants to assist with funding improvement projects

Adjournment

Angela Redding made a motion to adjourn meeting. Lois Wright seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.