

City of Forest Park  
Development Authority  
Meeting Minutes  
November 18, 2020  
5:45 PM

**Call to Order:** Lois Wright called the Development Authority meeting for November 18, 2020 to order at 5:45 PM.

**Present:** Chairperson, Lois Wright; Hector Gutierrez; Eliot Lawrence; Trudy Smith

Also Present:

Mayor Angelyne Butler

Mike Williams, City Attorney

Bruce Abraham, Economic Development Director

Danita Hamid, Economic Development Assistant

Darquita Williams, Deputy Finance Director

Absent: Pamela Lake; Alvin Patton

**Chair Comments**

Lois Wright welcomed their new board member, Councilman Hector Gutierrez.

Lois Wright also notified the board that due to Ken Thompson's retirement, there will be not budget review for the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:  
October 28, 2020**

Trudy Smith made a motion to approve the proposed minutes for October 28, 2020.

Eliot Lawrence seconded the motion.  
Motion approved unanimously.

**TAD Award & Main  
Street Buildings Update**

Bruce Abraham, Economic Development Director, updated board members on the progress being made with plans to remodel the shops located at 751 to 771 Main Street.

Bruce Abraham explained to the board that the remodel would include new awnings, painting the buildings and creating an outdoor eating area. He said he had already received two estimates and is working on getting a third estimate for the project.

The City Council approved the use of \$50,000 in TAD funds to remodel the buildings.

Bruce Abraham also said that he and Mike Williams, the

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**Executive Session**

City Attorney, are working on a form to acknowledge the purpose and process for using TAD funds projects. Eliot Lawrence made a motion to enter executive session for litigation, personnel, and real estate purposes

Hector Gutierrez seconded the motion.  
Motion approve unanimously.

The board recessed for executive session at 5:39 PM.

Trudy Smith made a motion to adjourn the executive session and resume the regular meeting.

Eliot Lawrence seconded the motion.  
Motion approved unanimously.

Regular meeting resumed at 6:25 PM.

**Adjournment**

Trudy Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Hector Gutierrez seconded the motion.  
Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 6:25 PM.