

Canton, Georgia

*110 Academy Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Final

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

4:30 PM

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Canton Main Street Board

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:40 pm

Members In attendance: Dana Mallett, Erick Garrison, Ella Murdock, Amber Palermo, Dave Hatabian, Jen Hughes, Dustin Davey, Velinda Hardy

Others in attendance: Hannah Stringer, Anijah Jones

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Erick Garrison. Second by Dustin Davey. All members voted in favor of the motion.

3. Approval of Minutes**A. Canton Main Street Board Draft Minutes - April 1, 2026**

Attachments: [Canton Main Street Board Draft Minutes - April 4, 2026](#)

Motion to approve the April 1, 2026 Meeting Minutes was made by Ella Murdock. Second by Amber Palermo. All members voted in favor of the motion.

4. Approval of April 2026 Reimbursement to the City of Canton

Motion to approve reimbursement of the April 2026 invoices in the amount of \$3,652.52 from Main Street to the City of Canton was made by Dustin Davey. Second by Erick Garrison. All members voted in favor of the motion.

5. Old Business**A. Downtown Canton Breakfast Club - May 14, 2026**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 14th. The event will begin at 8:00 am for networking and the meeting will begin at 8:30 am. Josh Babgy has agreed to sponsor the breakfast.

The following items were discussed and will be included on the agenda for the next meeting: Summary of the issues that were brought up & discussed at the previous meeting. Provide updates on the ongoing City projects in Downtown including the West Main Street Project, North Street Projects, and the pedestrian bridge over the Etowah River at the Mill.

B. Southernite Interiors Facade Grant

The Southernite Interiors Facade Grant Reimbursement check was presented to Ella Murdock.

C. 2026 Work Plan

Projects that can be addressed

Dana Mallett discussed a plan to address several projects that could be addressed in the upcoming year.

Volunteers

Anijah Jones presented a draft plan to recruit volunteers and create a volunteer data base for various events throughout the City.

Business Post Cards

Velinda Hardy presented a draft of the post cards to develop a business data base. There was discussion to revise the post card to include a QR code that will populate the data into a google spreadsheet.

6. New Business**A. Facade Grant Request - Jones Building**

A Facade Grant Application was submitted for improvements to the windows and exterior painting to the Jones Building. Motion to approve the Facade Grant Reimbursement in the amount of \$5,000 was made by Dustin Davey. Second by Ella Murdock. All members voted for the motion. Dana Mallett abstained.

B. 2026/2027 Budget Request

Main Street will request the same amount for FY2027 as in FY2026.

C. Board Chair Comments

Dana Mallett briefly discussed way-finding and the cost sharing approach between various City departments and boards. Dana also presented an idea for Denim Days on April 17, 2027. It would consist of a Carnival for the Kids and music in downtown and at the Mill. The Garden in Park vendors could be included with this event. Businesses could be involved similar to the Shamrock Shuffle as well as the History Center.

D. Downtown Director's Comments

Velinda Hardy provided updates on the following: There were approximately 5,000 people in attendance at First Friday, the farmers market will begin on May 30, 2026 and will continue for 14 weeks. The Canton Downtown Breakfast Club will meet in May and resume on August 13, 2026. There were plans to have an after-work mixer in June and December but the Board decided to eliminate the June Mixer and only have the December Holiday Mixer. The GEMS presentation is scheduled to made at the June 4, 2026 City Council Meeting.

E. Board Member Introduced Items

There were not any Board Member introduced items.

7. Adjourn

*Motion to adjourn made by Jen Hughes at 5:26 pm. Second by Amber Palermo.
All members voted in favor of the motion.*