

Canton, Georgia

*110 Academy Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Final

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

1:00 PM

**Jones Building - Jones Hall
130 East Main Street**

Canton Main Street Board

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:02 pm

Members In attendance: Dana Cox, Ella Murdock, Amber Palermo, Dave Hatabian, Dustin Davey, Erick Garrison, Jack Shampine, Jen Hughes, Jodi Drinkard, Velinda Hardy

Others in attendance: Aundi Lesley, Hannah Stringer, Lauren Johnson, Jacky Cheng

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by Jen Hughes. Second by Jack Shampine. All members voted in favor of the motion.

3. Approval of January 2025 Minutes**A. Canton Main Street Board Draft Minutes - January 8, 2025**

Attachments: [Minutes - Canton Main Street Board - January 8, 2025](#)

Motion to approve the January 2025 Meeting Minutes made by Jodi Drinkard with a correction to Item 9 regarding the motion to table the motion until the February Board Meeting. Second by Erick Garrison. Dave Hatabian will listen to the recording to clarify the motion and will report the findings. All members voted in favor of the motion with the clarification.

Subsequent to the meeting Dave Hatabian listened to the audio and it was determined there was no need to modify the January 2025 Meeting minutes

4. Approval of January 2025 Financials

Jodi Drinkard presented the January 2025 Financials, including updates on additional funds deposited into the MSB account and several uncashed checks. Velinda Hardy will follow up on uncashed checks.

Motion to approve January 2025 Financials made by Jen Hughes. Second by Jack Shampine. All members voted in favor of the motion.

5. Old Business**A. Kiosk Project Update**

Examples of kiosks were distributed to the board. Jacky Cheng presented details on the preferred kiosk for further consideration. The Board preferred 2-sided kiosks and Jacky will provide more details to the board after doing more detailed investigation at the March Board Meeting. Dave Hatabian will assist Jacky Cheng with the kiosk research. Once details are worked out, including preliminary cost, location, utility requirements, etc., a formal presentation will be made to the Tourism Board for cost sharing.

B. Alleyway Project Update

Dana Cox will send out preliminary concepts/ideas to the MSB for comments prior to sending the proposed concept to Mayor & Council. Approval of the concept is preferred prior to any condemnation of the alleyway. Specific items to address include sanitation and safety.

C. Chocolate Walk Update

Velinda Hardy updated the Board on the Chocolate Walk scheduled for Saturday, February 15, 2025. Jodi will update the map showing the chocolate stops & shuttle stops.

D. Glow Night - March 1 - Update

Velinda Hardy updated the Board on Glow Night scheduled for Saturday, March 1, 2025 from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm following the West Main Street Arts Festival.

E. Shamrock Shuffle Update

Dana Cox updated the Board on the Shamrock Shuffle scheduled for Saturday, March 15, 2025 from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Cost for the event will be \$30 which includes 2 drink tickets & a souvenir cup. Shuttles will be available for transportation between the Mill & downtown.

F. In Person Accreditation Reporting - Newnan - March 4

Velinda Hardy updated the Board on the In Person Assessment which is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, 2025 in Newnan, GA from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Velinda Hardy, Dana Cox & Aundi Lesley will visit the site prior to the assessment to review the meeting room layout & surroundings.

G. Discussion of Board Attendance

*A follow up on the tabled motion from the January 2025 Board Meeting to remove Todd Hogan from the Board was discussed. Information on Todd's attendance was presented to the Board and Todd missed several meetings in 2024 including September, October & November. Since the Mayor is responsible for appointing the Main Street Board, any recommendation made by the Board needs to go to the Mayor for his concurrence.
Motion, to the Mayor, to remove Todd Hogan from the Main Street Board based on attendance, made by Jodi Drinkard. Second by Dana Cox. All members voted in favor of the motion. Dana Cox will forward the recommendation to the Mayor.*

H. Main Street Mixer - Rock N Roll Sushi - March 11

The 2025 First Quarter Main St. Mixer will be at Rock-N-Roll Sushi, located at the Mill, on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

I. 2025 Work Plan

The 2025 Work Plan Session will follow the conclusion of the February 2025

Main Street Board Meeting.

6. New Business

A. First Friday

Velinda Hardy updated the Board on the status of the contracts with various bands for the 2025 First Friday events. The July 2025 First Friday has been pushed back to July 11, 2025 since July 4th is the First Friday of July.

B. Farmers Market

Velinda Hardy updated the Board on the Farmers Market. The Farmers market will begin May 31, 2025 and continue for 14 weeks, ending on August 30, 2025.

7. President's Comments

No additional comments.

8. Downtown Director's Comments

Velinda Hardy resurrected the "Love Local" Campaign in 2025. The April 2, 2025 Main Street Board Meeting will be rescheduled to April 23, 2025. The May 2025 Board Meeting will be at its regularly scheduled time of the first Wednesday of the month, May 7, 2025.

9. Board Member Introduced Items

No Board Member introduced items.

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Dustin Davey at 2:02 pm. Second by Jen Hughes. All members voted in favor of the motion.