

Canton Downtown Development Authority Minutes
10/13/2016

Attendees:

Rebecca Johnston
Zach Kell
Doug Key
Rod Drake
Cory Wilson
Matthew Thomas (G)

The meeting was moved from its regular location at the Canton Theatre to the Lower Level Conference Room at City Hall.

Meeting called to order by Vice Chairwoman Rebecca Johnston.

All new Board members were welcomed. Everyone gave introductions.

A motion and second was made to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

A move and second was made to accept the financial report. Motion carried. The DDA will clean up future financial reports to clearly delineate Theatre activities from other Board financials.

Matthew Thomas gave a report from the City's Office of Economic Development. First, information was given to all DDA members regarding State DDA Law, the DDA's current bylaws, and the DDA's 3-4 year goals. The Moye Tea Company's Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund Initial Project Assessment is still under review. A meeting is being set up with the applicant and Zach to provide guidance on everything needed before moving forward with the application. There are four new incoming new businesses into downtown.

There was no Main Street report.

The City is exploring exterior options and interior uses for the Jones Building.

The election of officers was tabled to the next meeting when all DDA members can be present to vote.

A motion and second was made to accept the Memorandum of Understanding from the City for the use of \$15,000.00 for identified projects to be spent this fiscal year, FY17. A Committee was appointed to begin working on getting downtown benches and trash receptacles.

Rebecca brought to the DDA's attention the need to recognize and appreciate past members Wanda Roach, Lewis Cline, and Cleveland Chambers for their years of service on the DDA. The DDA will seek to do something to appreciate those past members.

Next meeting day is on November 10th, 2016.

Meeting adjourned.