

Canton, Georgia

*151 Elizabeth Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Final

Thursday, May 11, 2017

10:00 AM

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Downtown Development Authority

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Welcome Guest & Visitors
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Approval of Financial Report
5. Economic Development - Economic Development Manager
Matthew Thomas
 - a. Update on Benches & Receptacles
 - b. Update on New Business
6. Main Street Report - Public Outreach Manager Pat Gold
7. Old Business
 - a. Developer's Day
9. New Business
10. Adjourn

Minutes

Board Members Present:

*Rebecca Johnson
Rod Drake
Earl Darby
Doug Key
Cory Wilson*

Staff Present:

*Matthew Thomas
Pat Gold*

Guests Present:

James Lawson with AE Landscape

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman, Rebecca Johnson
2. Chairwoman Rebecca Johnson welcomed our guest, James Lawson with AE Landscape
3. Minutes from the 4/13/17 meeting were reviewed, motion for approval by Rebecca Johnson, 2nd by Rod Drake and all board members voted to accept the minutes as presented

4. Financial report was provided by Cory Wilson, Treasurer to include the current fiscal year spending, contributions and resulting financial position. A recommendation was made by Rebecca Johnson to provide a separate line item reflecting the \$50,000 money resulting from the school board property sale. A motion for approval was made by Rod Drake, 2nd by Doug Key and all board members voted to approve the financial report as presented

5. Matthew Thomas, Economic Director, presented the Economic Update which included:

Benches and Receptacles: An update was provided regarding location, tentative installation date and alternate locations for placement on North Street due to obstructions on the sidewalk. A walk to review was conducted on 4/19, property owners reviewed placement recommendations and install is set to occur shortly

Update on New Businesses: An update was provided on multiple new businesses recently opened, currently slated to open and under construction to include

6. Pat Gold provided a Main Street Report to include general updates on First Friday, a children's movie series at the Canton Theater sponsored by Main Street running May - July, local talent concert series in June and July, updates on the façade grant program and the upcoming opening day for the Canton Farmers Market

7. Old Business Discussion

Discussion was continued from the April meeting regarding the execution of a quit claim deed officially transferring ownership of the Canton Theater from the Downtown Development Authority to the City of Canton. A motion to execute the quit claim deed was made by Doug Key, 2nd by Earl Darby and all board members voted to approve the motion

Developers Day: Overall conversation continued regarding the developers day including the date change to September 14. This change was associated with available inventory for development in the downtown corridor. Conversation continued regarding invitees, available real estate inventory and overall logistics

8. New Business

Cherokee Chamber Membership: Cory Wilson provided the 2017 Cherokee Chamber of Commerce invoice for consideration. A motion to maintain the membership was made by Rod Drake, 2nd by Earl Darby and all board members voting in favor of the motion.

Conversation was held regarding location for future Downtown Development Authority Meetings to occur in the Library at Canton City Hall located on the first floor. A motion was made to hold meetings in the Canton City Hall Library by Doug Key, 2nd by Rod Drake and all board members voted in favor of the motion