

Canton, Georgia

*110 Academy Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Draft

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

10:00 AM

**City Hall
110 Academy Street**

Downtown Development Authority

1. Call to Order***Board Members Present:****Jennifer Hughes (Chair)**Jose Luna**Brooke Schmidt**Cory Wilson****City Staff:****Bill Grant, Mayor**Billy Peppers, City Manager**Nathan Ingram, Asst. City Manager**Velinda Hardy, Downtown Development Manager**Lauren Johnson, Communications Manager**Kristin Norton Green, Theatre Events & Facilities Director***2. Approval of the Agenda**

Member Schmidt moved to approve the agenda as presented; Member Wilson seconded the motion; Motion carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes from June 7th Meeting**A. Downtown Development Authority Draft Minutes - June 7, 2024**

Attachments: [Minutes - Downtown Development Authority - June 7, 2024](#)

Member Schmidt moved to approve the minutes; Member Wilson seconded the motion; Motion carried.

4. Public Input

None

5. Financials

Nathan Ingram provided the Board with an update on the DDA's Bank Balance.

6. Old Business**A. Update on Rents at Canton Village and Discussion of Potential Repairs**

Nathan Ingram provided the Board with an update on rents and rents received so far. He informed the Board that Salvation Army had not paid rent since January of this year. A letter was mailed to this tenant two weeks prior to this meeting. City management is waiting to hear a response.

The Board also discussed repairs at this sight. It was determined that as long as repairs were not significant (i.e., ~\$5,000 or less), repairs should be made with no further discussion needed. Although, if repairs were in excess of this

amount, the repair request would be brought before the Board to determine feasibility and for approval.

B. Update on the Downtown Master Plan

Bethany Watson provided the Board with a rough draft of the MP Report. She will send the Board an electronic copy when she receives. The Board should review, provide any comments, and will be asked to adopt the Master Plan at their Sep. 11th meeting.

7. New Business

A. Discussion and Possible Action on an Agreement with Goodwyn Mills Cawood (GMC) to Provide Professional Architectural Services for the Concept Design of the Area along North Street as well as Surveying Services

Billy Peppers provided information to the Board on the proposed services. Member Schmidt made a motion to approve these services up to a cost not to exceed \$150,000; Member Wilson seconded the motion; Motion carried.

B. Council Presentation in September

Nathan Ingram discussed with the Board the idea of the DDA making a presentation to Council, regarding some of the prior year's accomplishments, current projects, and items to be addressed over the coming year. He suggested that one of the Board members consider presenting at the Council's September 12th meeting. Chair Hughes and Member Schmidt agreed to work together toward this presentation. Staff will assist as needed.

8. What's Going On in Canton!

Velinda Hardy provided the Board with an update on upcoming events in the Canton area, with staff members Kristin Norton Green and Lauren Johnson adding some information about a few other events.

9. Board Introduced Items

None

10. Adjourn

Member Schmidt moved to adjourn; Member Luna seconded; Motion carried