

Canton, Georgia

*110 Academy Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

4:30 PM

**Canton City Hall
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Canton Main Street Board

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:35 pm

Members In attendance: Ella Murdock, Amber Palermo, Dave Hatabian, Jack Shampine, Dustin Davey, Velinda Hardy

Others in attendance: Dana Cox Mallett, Erick Garrison, Jen Hughes, Hannah Stringer, Darrell Rice,

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Ella Murdock. Second by Amber Palermo. All members voted in favor of the motion.

3. Approval of November 5, 2025 Minutes

Motion to approve November 5, 2025 Meeting Minutes was made by Jack Shampine. Second by Amber Palermo. All members voted in favor of the motion.

4. Approval of Financials

A. Approval of October 2025 Financials

Motion to approve the October 2025 financials was made by Ella Murdock. Second by Jack Shampine. All members voted in favor of the motion.

B. Approval of November 2025 Financials

Motion to approve the November 2025 financials was made by Jack Shampine. Second by Amber Palermo. All members voted in favor of the motion.

5. Old Business

A. Kiosk Project Update

Before the holidays, the kiosk vendor stated the kiosk would be delivered by January 9, 2026. They indicated they would coordinate the delivery with Public Works. Installation will be completed by Public Works.

B. GEMS (Georgia Exceptional Main Street Community) Presentation

In October 2025, DCA awarded the City of Canton GEMS Status and said that they would make a formal presentation at an upcoming City Council Meeting. DCA has not yet scheduled a date for the presentation.

C. Thrive Building Award - Facade Grant

In August 2025, the Board approved a \$5,000 Facade Grant Application to add a covered porch to the Thrive Upper Deck at the Mill by Thrive Canton. All required documentation was provided, and Thrive Canton will receive the \$5,000 reimbursement.

6. New Business

A. Re-appointment of Board Members

1. Re-appointment of Dana Cox Mallett to the Main Street Board

A motion for board approval to re-appoint Dana Cox Mallett to the Main Street Board was made by Ella Murdock. Second by Amber Palermo. All members voted in favor of the motion.

2. Re-appointment of Erick Garrison to the Main Street Board

A motion for board approval to re-appoint Erick Garrison to the Main Street Board was made by Dustin Davey. Second by Jack Shampine. All members voted in favor of the motion.

3. Re-appointment of Jenifer Hughes to the Main Street Board

A motion for board approval to re-appoint Jennifer Hughes to the Main Street Board was made by Jack Shampine. Second by Ella Murdock. All members voted in favor of the motion

B. Update on the North Street Project & Downtown Fire Station

Jennifer Hughes provided an update on the North Street Project and the Downtown Fire Station Renovation Project. Carroll Daniels has been selected as the construction

Manager at Risk (CMAR) for the North Street Project. The project is basically proceeding as the original renderings have shown. The existing parking deck is scheduled to remain. The Fire Station Renovation is ongoing. Hogan Construction is the CMAR and the project is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.

C. Chocolate Walk

The Chocolate Walk is scheduled for Saturday, February 7, 2026 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Ticket sales are ongoing and 2 sponsors for the event have been secured. At this time, there are 18 businesses and 6 restaurants/bars that have committed to participating in the event. Tickets are \$20 and do not include any drink tickets.

Motion to approve reimbursing the participating businesses \$100 for their participation in the event was made by Dustin Davey. Second by Jack Shampine. All members voted for the motion.

D. ShamRock Shuffle

The ShamRock Shuffle is scheduled for Saturday, March 14, 2026 from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The Shuffle is slightly different this year compared to last year. Approximately 300 cups that remained from last year will be distributed on a first come/first serve basis and there will not be any cost or sign up for the event. Specialty drinks will be available for sale at the participating businesses. Main Street will fund the cost of the music and shuttles.

Motion to approve Main Street funding the cost for the music and shuttles the amount of approximately \$5,000 was made by Dustin Davey. Final expenses to be determined. Second by Jack Shampine. All members voted for the motion.

E. Glow Night

Glow Night is scheduled for Saturday, February 28, 2026 from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Motion to fund Glow Night in the amount of approximately \$5,000 was made by Dustin Davey. Second by Ella Murdock. Final expenses to be determined. All members voted for the motion.

F. 2026 Coffee Before Hours & Mixers

There was a discussion to have monthly meetings with downtown businesses before hours (8:30 am – 9:30 am) in lieu of 4 quarterly mixers. The event could highlight a different business every month and other different staff members could update ongoing projects throughout the downtown area as well as the City. The Board will develop a program to begin in March 2026. The event could be held at a single location, possibly the Mill, rather than at the individual businesses. An 'After Hours' Mixer will be held in June and Holiday Mixer in December.

G. 2025 DCA and National MS Reporting

The Main Street Work Plan needs to be updated and a meeting will be held to update the plan.

H. Downtown Director's Comments

Velinda Hardy provided an update on the drone show. It was estimated that 4,000 attendees were at the show, not including children. However, there was movement in the landing area which needs greater enforcement for next year's show.

The number of attendees at Reindeer Night, the final Christmas event, was estimated to be 1,800, not including children.

The next Main Street Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at Canton City Hall.

I. Board Member Introduced Items

There were not any Board Member introduced items.

7. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Dustin Davey at 5:52 pm. Second by Jack Shampine. All members voted in favor of the motion.