



**MINUTES OF THE DOWNTOWN MEMPHIS COMMISSION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Thursday, June 28, 2018

9:00 A.M.

114 North Main Street

Board Members Present: Chairman Carl Person, Mr. John Zeanah (for Mayor Luttrell), Mr. Michael Whaley, Ms. Deni Reilly, Mr. Benjamin Orgel, Mr. Demar Roberts, Ms. Terry Woodard, Ms. Cheryl Pesce and Mr. Mauricio Calvo

Board Members Not Present: Councilman Edmund Ford, Mr. John Pontius, Senator Lee Harris, Commissioner Van Turner, Representative Barbara Cooper, Ms. Julie Ellis and Ms. Joann Massey (for Mayor Strickland)

Staff Present: Ms. Jennifer Oswald, Mr. Clint Burke, Ms. Christine Taylor, Mr. Jaske Goff, Mr. Abram Lueders, Ms. Ellery Ammons, Ms. Penelope Huston, Ms. Debra Streeter, Ms. Penelope Springer and Mr. Brett Roler

Guests: Mr. James Stokes, Ms. Kelly Rayne and Mr. Wayne Risher

Call to Order

Chairman Person called the meeting to order at 9:07 am.

Chairman Person called for agenda item II: Chair's Report

Chairman Person celebrated the increased frequency of the trolleys, the recent activity with 164 Union Ave. and reviewed the activity of the affiliated boards. He also asked for board members to serve on a committee to review the RFPs for landscaping downtown, to which Ms. Terry Woodard, Ms. Deni Reilly and Ms. Cheryl Pesce all volunteered to join. Chairman Person also introduced the nomination for Anton Mack to serve as the new CCDC board member. After reviewing his resume, Ms. Woodard made a motion to approve his nomination, which Mr. Roberts seconded, which passed unanimously. Chairman Person lastly recommended the same DMC officers be retained, Mr. Carl Person as Chairman, Ms. Deni Reilly as Vice Chairman, Mr. Benjamin Orgel as Secretary, and Ms. Terry Woodard as Treasurer. Mr. Calvo made a motion to accept the recommended officers, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Ms. Woodard updated the board on the recent lighting survey completed in South Main and Uptown, including some of the results and next steps.

Chairman Person called for agenda item III: Financial Report

Ms. Penelope Springer presented the financial report to the DMC Board.

Chairman Person called for agenda item IV: Diversity Report

Mr. Whaley introduced the recommendation from the recent Diversity Committee Meeting to increase the minimum MWBE participation goal to 25%. Ms. Woodard made a motion to approve the recommendation, Mr. Whaley seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. Mr. Goff also introduced a 3rd quarter 2018 EBO Report and answered questions from the board while reviewing the projects presently under construction.

Chairman Person called for agenda item V: Speaker from Greater Memphis Chamber

Ms. Kelly Rayne with the Greater Memphis Chamber reviewed recent public policy updates including specifics on Opportunity Zones, Multi-Family PILOTs and tax credit legislation.

Chairman Person called for agenda item VI: Master Plan Recommendation

Mr. John Zeanah provided an overview of the Master Plan application and interview process and announced that DMC Staff was working with Stantec to finalize a scope of work and confirm the budget. Mr. Zeanah made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Calvo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chairman Person called for agenda item VII: President's Report

Ms. Jennifer Oswalt began with a discussion of the new BSB routes and provided an overview of the upcoming Open on Main vendors, including the George Hunt Museum for the month of July. She also introduced the new pedestrian counters along Main St, Second St. and in the Edge District of Downtown.

Chairman Person called for agenda item VIII: New Business/ Adjournment

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 am.