



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

**Thursday, December 14, 2017**

**9:00 A.M.**

**114 North Main Street**

**Board Members Present:** Chairman Carl Person, Mr. John Pontius, Ms. Julie Ellis, Commissioner Van Turner, Mr. John Zeanah, Representative Barbara Cooper, Mr. Michael Whaley, Mr. Demar Roberts, Mr. Rick Copeland and Ms. Cheryl Pesce

**Board Members Not Present:** Ms. Deni Reilly, Ms. Terry Woodard, Ms. Joann Massey (for Mayor Strickland), Mr. Benjamin Orgel, Councilman Edmund Ford, Senator Lee Harris and Mr. Mauriciou8 Calvo

**Staff Present:** Ms. Jennifer Oswald, Mr. Jonathan Moseley, Ms. Christine Taylor, Mr. Chris Porter, Mr. Jaske Goff, Mr. Abram Lueders, Ms. Ellery Ammons, Ms. Penelope Huston, Mr. Patrick Besselievere

**Guests:** Ms. Tanja Mitchell and Mr. Bob Lundy

**Call to Order**

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

**Chairman Person called for agenda item II: Approval of November 16, 2017 Minutes**

Mr. Rick Copeland made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Michael Whaley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Chairman Person called for agenda item III: Chair's Report**

Chairman Person reviewed the activity of the affiliated boards, events receiving event grants and other recent DMC highlights. He also thanked the blue suede brigade for their time and energy downtown and reminded all board members of the upcoming retreat on January 12<sup>th</sup>. He then thanked Bob Lundy, Rick Copeland, and Tanja Mitchell for their time serving on a DMC Board. Lastly, Chairman Person introduced the slate of nominations for new CCDC board members, which Ms. Ellis approved and Mr. Copeland seconded. He also introduced the slate of nominations for the new DRB board members which Ms. Pesce approved and Mr. Turner seconded.

**Chairman Person called for agenda item IV: Memphis 3.0 Update**

Ashley Cash, Director of the Office of Comprehensive Planning, updated the board on the objectives and timeline of the Memphis 3.0 plan.

**Chairman Person called for agenda item V: President's Report**

President Oswald presented the December financials and mentioned other collaborations with the DMC including Explore Bikeshare, MLK 50, and gathering public input on the open container proposal. Lastly, she reminded all board members of the upcoming retreat on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Chairman Person called for agenda item VI: New Business/ Adjournment**

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.