

CHAMBLEE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 23, 2021 – 6:30pm

A Regular Meeting of the Chamblee Downtown Development Authority was held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, at the Chamblee Civic Center. Board members in attendance: Ronni French, Van Pappas, Brian Ray, Leslie Robson, Robert Smith and Andy Tan. Also attending were Counsel Dan McRae, Acting Economic Development Director Laura Linman and Bob Voyles from Seven Oaks.

- 1) **Call to Order:** the meeting was called to order by Chairman Rob Smith at 6:30 p.m.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. Regular Meeting, January 26, 2021: **Motion by Leslie Robson to approve the regular meeting minutes, seconded by Van Pappas with French, Pappas, Ray, Robson, Smith and Tan voting to approve.**
 - b. Executive Session, January 26, 2021: **Motion by Leslie Robson to approve the executive session minutes, seconded by Van Pappas, with French, Pappas, Ray, Robson, Smith and Tan voting to approve.**
- 3) **Chairman's Report:** Rob Smith reported that there will still be a follow-up meeting with the Chamblee-Doraville CID Board in April. He has also reached out to Brookhaven to learn their interest in meeting. We have had reports that Don Brooks died recently, but we have not been able to learn any details.
- 4) **Financial Report:** Brian Ray reported no significant changes to our financials. We have approximately \$60,000 in our Debt Service Account, 495,000 in our Operating Account. We still have not received payment for SLX. Work is continuing on the Tables and Chairs lease.
- 5) **DDA Properties Update:** Rob Smith reported that they were talking with Ed Voyles regarding the lease on the Vintage parking lot. We need an inventory of what is stored in the warehouse. There is a meeting scheduled for Friday, Feb. 26.

Bob Voyles reported that as soon as an agreement is reached with the adjacent property owner, Seven Oaks is ready to close and begin the project on the Tables and Chairs property.

Bob Voyles reported that the Town Center site had now been cleared and looks good. We now need to decide if we want to lease it to Contrast. There was discussion about how we might help market this property. If Contrast decides to lease the property, several Broker Events will be held in the spring.

He reported that he has talked with his architectural firm and is ready for aerial images to use in marketing the Town Center site. He also reported a meeting scheduled with the City tomorrow to discuss its assistance with the construction of the parking deck.

He also reported that the Town Center Project has been nominated for a Downtown Renaissance Award by the Atlanta Business Chronicle.

- 6) **Public Art Commission Update:** Laura Linman reported that they are looking at a business plan for the Public Art Center – possibly the old City Hall. They are still waiting for more proposals for the mural for the Public Safety Building. They are working with MARTA on beautification of the fence at the Station. A question was asked about the Rail Trail under Peachtree Boulevard. There is no budget item for that project at this time. Leslie Robson suggested using Covid Funds for public art, and a graffiti wall similar to the Krog Street tunnel in Inman Park.
- 7) **Planters:** Mario Combardello was asked to look at the use of planters; he put together a plan on Peachtree Road from Himalayas to Broad Street. There was discussion about specific sites for planters, and the cost to purchase and install. A budget of \$15,000 as discussed. Leslie Robson asked Laura Linman to develop a maintenance plan, including watering, and an annual budget. Motion by Leslie Robson, seconded by _____ to authorize the chair to spend \$18,000 on Zones 1 & 2.
- 8) **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

9. **Executive Session pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b)(1) for the purpose of discussion or approving a real estate transaction. Motion by Leslie Robson to approve the Executive Session pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b)(1) for the purpose of discussion or approving a real estate transaction, seconded by Ronni French, with French, Van Pappas, Ray, Robson, Smith and Tan voting to approve.**

12. **Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Ronni French, seconded by Leslie Robson, with French, Pappas, Ray, Robson, Smith and Tan voting to approve.**

Respectfully submitted:

Ronni French

Approved by the Board on

Chairman of the Chamblee DDA
