



A meeting of the Downtown Development Board was held on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at City Hall, 400 South Orange Avenue, Conference Room “R”, Second Floor, Orlando, Florida. Noting a quorum was present; Acting Chairman Bill Dymond called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Dymond
Wendy Connor
Jessica Burns

MEMBERS ABSENT: Roger Chapin, Chair
Doug Taylor, Vice-Chair

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADVISORY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE
PRESENT: Terry Delahunty

STAFF PRESENT: Thomas C. Chatmon Jr., Executive Director
Walter Hawkins, Director of Urban Development
David Barilla, Assistant Director
Patricia Dellacona, Division Fiscal Manager
Christel Brooks, Administrative Specialist
Shaniqua Rose, Board Secretary
Mercedes Blanca, Economic Development Coordinator
Bob Fish, Clean Team Supervisor
Rose Garlick, Downtown Information Center Manager
TeNeika Walker, Special Assistant to the Executive Director
Victoria Walker, Assistant City Attorney

Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Jessica Burns and seconded by Wendy Connor to approve the minutes for the February 26, 2014 Downtown Development Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman’s Report –

- A. **Orlando Police Department** - Sgt. Jeffrey Blye and Lt. Barbara Jones were present from OPD. Sgt. Blye gave an update on recent activities in Downtown, noting that there were very few problems during NCAA events; open container was the biggest problem. He let the Board know there were several OPD undercover operations that took place; one was to eliminate aggressive panhandling, the other was an operation to combat underage drinking at the bars and establishments downtown. Extensive conversation ensued between the Board and the officers regarding panhandling and homelessness. The Board thanked Sgt. Jeffrey Blye and Lt. Jones for their updates.

- B. **Downtown Arts District** – Barbara Hartley, Downtown Arts District Manager, recapped the events from November 2013 to March 2014 that took place with the Downtown Arts District. She presented art/event statistics, gave an update on different programs and let the Board know of upcoming events. The Board thanked Ms. Hartley for her update.

Executive Director's Report - Thomas C. Chatmon Jr., Executive Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation on different projects within Downtown Orlando. He recapped recent events, gave business updates (both recent openings and future openings) and let the Board know about upcoming events. Mr. Chatmon gave an update on Project DTO Advancing Downtown, highlighting key upcoming dates. The Board thanked Mr. Chatmon for his presentation.

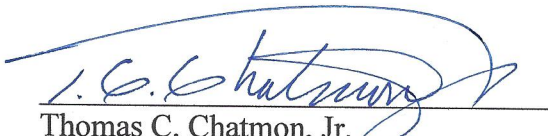
Public Comments – Jonathan Sebastian Blount, 1350 29th Street Orlando, FL 32805, expressed his concerns on homelessness in Downtown Orlando. Mr. Blount spoke of different programs that are implemented in various cities aimed at their homelessness and recommended that the Board look into those programs. Mr. Chatmon stated that he will schedule a meeting with Mr. Blount to discuss his concerns.

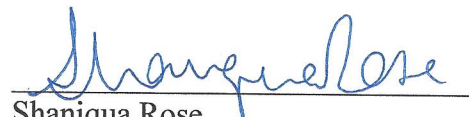
New Business – None

Date of Next Meeting – The next scheduled meeting of the Downtown Development Board is Wednesday, April 23, 2014, 3:00 p.m., at City Hall in Conference Room “R” on the Second Floor.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Downtown Development Board, Acting Chairman Bill Dymond adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.


Thomas C. Chatmon, Jr.
Executive Director


Shaniqua Rose
Board Secretary