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A meeting of the Downtown Development Board was held on Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at City Hall, 400 South Orange Avenue, Sustainability Conference Room, Second Floor, Orlando, Florida. Chair Doug Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., noting a quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Taylor, Chair
 Wendy Connor, Vice Chair
 Bill Lambert
 Jamie Barati

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADVISORY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE
PRESENT:

Terry Delahunty
Commissioner Victoria Siplin (arrived at 3:12 p.m.)

STAFF PRESENT: Thomas C. Chatmon, Jr., Executive Director
 Walter Hawkins, Director of Urban Development
 David Barilla, Assistant Director
 Christel Brooks, Administrative Specialist
 Kelly Allen, Marketing Coordinator
 Analys Sanchez, Interactive Media Coordinator III
 Kelly Moody, Project Manager
 Mercedes Blanca, Division Fiscal Manager
 Marya Collier, Economic Development Coordinator
 Rose Garlick, Downtown Information Center Manager
 Bob Fish, Downtown Facilities Supervisor
 Stacey Adams, Assistant City Attorney

Chairman Taylor welcomed newly appointed Board member, Jamie Barati to the Board and gave a brief introduction on him.

Election of Officers - A motion was made by Doug Taylor and seconded by Jamie Barati nominating Wendy Connor to serve as Chair of the Downtown Development Board, Bill Lambert as Vice Chair, and Ashley Edwards as Board Secretary of the Downtown Development Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Wendy Connor and seconded by Bill Lambert to approve the minutes for the June 28, 2017 Downtown Development Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Orlando Police Department – Sergeant Andrew Gillespie gave an update on recent activities including the homeless sleeping under interstate 4, and explaining the ordinance regarding solicitation. He also mentioned a shooting last Sunday night.

A Board discussion ensued regarding citizen protection.

The Board thanked Sergeant Gillespie for his updates.

Downtown Arts District - Barbara Hartley gave a brief update on the recent events taking place in the Downtown Arts District, including an event at the Mad Cow Theatre with Project Runway fashion designer, Merline Labissiere. The Board thanked Ms. Hartley for her presentation.

Blueprint – Regina Spencer gave an update on the recent employment opportunities the Blueprint office has contributed; she also shared the success stories of recent candidates. The Board thanked Ms. Spencer for her presentation.

Thomas Chatmon Jr., spoke on the solicitation ordinance regarding the “exempt zones” in downtown Orlando. He also mentioned the passing of Alonzo Adams and Billy Manes. Mr. Adams and Mr. Manes were notable icons of the downtown Orlando community. Mr. Chatmon also introduced Dominique Greco, the new Night-time Economy Project Manager. The Board thanked Mr. Chatmon for his remarks.

New Business:

- a. **DDB Millage Rate** – Marya Collier, Fiscal Manager requested that the Board recommend to City Council that it adopt a millage rate of 1.0000. A motion was made by Bill Lambert and seconded by Jamie Barati to adopt a millage rate of 1.0000 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. The motion carried unanimously.

Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled regular meeting of the Downtown Development Board is Wednesday, August 23, 2017 3:00p.m. at City Hall, Sustainability Conference Room, Second Floor.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Downtown Development Board, Chair Doug Taylor adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:02 p.m.



Thomas C. Chatmon, Jr.
Executive Director



Christel Brooks
Administrative Specialist