DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 22, 2026 3:30 PM

PRESENT	ABSENT	STAFF	OTHERS PRESENT
Drayden Dunn	Ed Taylor	Cedric B. Glover	Tommy Coward (Robertson)
Mario Chavez		Janie Landry	Christopher Coe (Coe Arch)
Kathy Malone		Stacie Leng	L. Havard Scott III (SRAC)
Terry Moore		Lorenzo Lee	Rebecca Bonnevier (SRAC)
Chelette Holden		Lauren Davidson	
William Bradford		Kathleen Robertson	

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Drayden Dunn at 3:33 pm. A quorum was present.

II. ROLL CALL

Kathleen Robertson called the roll. Ed Taylor was absent.

III. AMEND AGENDA

There was not a need to amend the agenda.

IV. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATONS

Christopher Coe of Coe Architecture International gave a presentation about the new residential structures that are going to be built on the Providence House campus. The structures will provide additional help for families. A community meeting will be held on May 11, 2026, and the Metropolitan Planning Commission meeting to review is scheduled for June3, 2026. Mr. Coe said he hopes construction will begin in August.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items)

There were no public comments.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

Drayden Dunn asked for approval of the March 25, 2026, regular meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Mario Chavez to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2026, regular meeting. Terry Moore seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Budgetary Comparison Financial Statement

The City has forwarded the first revenue payment to DDA. The Streetscape contract has been approved. DDA legal counsel and staff made some suggested changes to the proposed Parking contract. The City is reviewing. Ms. Landry reminded the board of their agreement to pay 60% of the repair cost of the elevator at 708 Texas and SRAC will pay 40%. DDA's portion of the repairs is $6586.00. The DDA budget includes $30,000 for Artspace. SRAC occupies the building but is not charged a rental fee, which was the agreement when DDA asked SRAC to occupy and program the space. The lease gives SRAC the right to offer a sublease to a restaurant. William Bradford and Mario Chavez suggested that the DDA impose performance measures for 708 Texas. SRAC once had an Artspace Advisory Committee and Ms. Landry

served on that committee. Ms. Landry stated that the Committee had been dissolved. Mr. Glover is now on the SRAC board of directors. It was suggested that DDA request SRAC and Artspace financials and that Mr. Glover suggest the Artspace Committee be reinstated.

Terry Moore motioned to approve the Budgetary Comparison Financial Statement. Kathy Malone seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

VII. REPORTS

A. Director's Report

- Cedric Glover gave an update on the Petroleum Tower project. The project will consist of 117 units at the property at 425 Edwards.

- The Show Me Your Badge program was very successful and there is hope that it can be implemented in the future for other conventions being held in the downtown area.

- DSDC has allocated $25,000.00 for the acquisition of new cameras and license plate readers in downtown. The license plate readers should be added to Texas, Spring, Common and Market Streets. The funds would be contributed to the Anglin Meyers Fund.

B. Parking Report

Lorenzo Lee gave the parking report. He said revenue was close to the average of March 2025. Two vehicles were booted in March.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. DDA/SRAC Lease for 708 Texas

SRAC requested that the lease be for 5 years with a sublease for a restaurant space and that DDA be responsible for major repairs of over $5000. The board would like an interior and exterior assessment performed on the property. DDA would want to implement safeguards regarding utilities and bills in the sublease. The HVAC at Artspace was recently replaced with DDA splitting the cost with SRAC. Since Artspace is also an event venue, the restaurant space could draw more interest in the venue. Ms. Bonnevier stated the interested party for the restaurant space is a professional caterer who has a history of catering major events for SRAC, such as Christmas in the Sky.

B. Downtown Security and Homelessness.

SPD Captain Silva reported that SPD is maintaining the efforts to address the homeless situation in downtown but stated that SPD is down in numbers of officers. The Department is collaborating with the Sheriff's Department and has also explored the option of collaborating with private security companies. He stated that New Orleans has been successful in this endeavor. Representatives of AKA Inc. who were in town for a significant conference recently stated they were very pleased with the security at the event and may return in the future. LSUS is looking to expand its medical school and has shown interest in some of the spaces downtown. Security may be able to be shared with LSUS police.

C. DDA 25-year Tax Renewal Election.

DDA legal counsel is handling the required notifications and advertising for the renewal election. The intent to renew was announced at City Council and a notice was printed in The Times on 03/25/2026.

D. **Proposed Parking Changes**
There was no discussion on this item.

E. **RTCC Cameras and License Plate Readers**
This item was discussed under the Budgetary Comparison Financial Statement review.

F. **Lunch and Discover Program**
There was no discussion.

G. **Street Performer Ordinance**
No discussion was held on this item.

H. **Pipeline and Tracker**
No discussion.

I. **City Planning, Infrastructure and Infrastructure Planning**
There was no discussion on this item.

X. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **814 Crockett Street- Providence House (Metal Building) 180-Day Demolition Waiver**

A motion was made by Drayden Dunn to approve the removal of the metal building currently at 814 Crockett Street. Terry Moore seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

B. **Funding Request - $10,000.00- P2K Entertainment LLC – 5/25/26 Event- Red River District**
It was suggested that a grant of $1500 be awarded for this event. Mr. Glover suggested $1500.00 instead of the requested $10,000.00.

C. **Funding Request - $1500 to $2000 – "A Lovely Day" Presents Spring on Texas Fashion Show – 4/26/26**
Ms. Landry gave the board a brief review of the request.

D. **Funding Request - $1500.00 – Film Prize Foundation – Taco Wars - 5/2/26**
It was noted that the request was for Taco Wars.

A motion was made by Drayden Dunn to approve the requests from P2K Entertainment, A Lovely Day Presents Spring on Texas Fashion Show, and Film Prize Foundation/Taco Wars at $1500 each.

Terry Moore offered a second motion to approve each at $1000. Mr. Bradford reminded the board that there was already a motion on the floor. Mr. Dunn withdrew his motion.

Terry Moore then motioned to approve the grant requests at $1000 each. Drayden Dunn seconded the motion with the requirements that each event have insurance.

Voting in favor of the motion was: William Bradford, Mario Chavez, Drayden Dunn, and Kathy Malone. Chelette Holden opposed. The motion passed with four favorable votes and one opposed.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Landry informed the board that former board member John Hubbard had passed away. Drayden Dunn suggested the board send flowers or make a contribution in his memory. It was announced that Chris Stokes' nomination to the DDA board is on the City Council agenda. Mr. Stokes will replace Kathy Malone. Mr. Dunn thanked Ms. Malone for her dedication and work on behalf of DDA over the years.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

XIII. ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned 5:30 PM.

C Chelette Holden

Chelette Holden, Secretary