

**Downtown Development Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
December 19, 2018**

Present

Christine Bailey
John Hubbard
Tim Huck
Lydia Jackson
Logan Schroeder
Stanley Varner

Absent

Terry Moore

Staff

Liz Swaine
Janie Landry
E.D. Stewart
Lorenzo Lee

Others Present

Chief Benjamin Raymond, *SPD*
Deputy Chief Bill Goodin, *SPD*
Gary Brooks, *Style Bar*
Michael Corbin, *SWEPCO*
Feico Kempf
Bill Wiener

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Logan Schroeder called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm; A quorum was present.

II. ROLL CALL

E.D. Stewart called the roll. Members present were: Christine Bailey, John Hubbard, Tim Huck, Lydia Jackson, Logan Schroeder, and Stanley Varner. Terry Moore was absent.

III. APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

Mr. Schroeder asked for a motion to approve absences.

Tim Huck made a motion to excuse the absence of Terry Moore. Christine Bailey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. AMEND AGENDA

Mr. Schroeder asked if there was a need to amend the agenda; Old Business item "Downtown Cameras/Security" needed to be moved to presentations.

Lydia Jackson made a motion to move Old Business item "Downtown Cameras/Security" to Presentations. Tim Huck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. WELCOME / PRESENTATIONS / INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Schroeder welcomed the board members and staff. Mr. Gary Brooks of Style Bar, Mr. Michael Corbin of SWEPCO, Mr. Feico Kempf, and Mr. Bill Wiener were present as members of the public. Chief Benjamin Raymond and Deputy Chief Bill Goodin were also in attendance for the Downtown Security presentation.

Presentation: Downtown Security and Cameras

Chief Raymond was appointed as substitute chief of police in November of 2018 to fill the position left by the retirement of Chief Crump. Raymond intends to pursue the position under the new leadership. With the incident involving shots fired in downtown over the weekend, Raymond agrees that this negatively impacts the perception of safety in downtown, but he is currently speaking with witnesses and plans to increase police presence over the coming weeks, especially mounted patrol in the evening during weekends. Actual crime rates in downtown are extremely low. The map for "shots fired" reports shows a two to three block area where the activity is concentrated. Raymond also wishes to address the root causes of shootings, which

seem to be primarily narcotics. The vice squad will be confirming compliance with ABO laws at clubs. Shreveport Police are also using the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network or "NIBIN" which can identify or match spent ammo using a national database of all ballistics evidence. Raymond said the more calls to police regarding shots fired means the better chance of catching the perpetrators. He is also looking at other cities for examples on how to deal with vagrants and the homeless.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items)

Mr. Schroeder asked for public comments on agenda items. There were none.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

Mr. Schroeder asked for a review of the November 28, 2018 regular meeting minutes and for any amendments or revisions. There were none.

John Hubbard made a motion to approve the November 28, 2018 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Tim Huck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Budgetary Comparison Financial Statement

Ms. Swaine asked the board to review the November 2018 Budgetary Comparison Financial Statement. Ms. Swaine noted that the surplus ad valorem funds were put towards artspace support for their plumbing repairs. There was nothing out of the ordinary in the financial statement and it was where it should be for the end of year.

Terry Moore made a motion to accept the October 2018 Budgetary Comparison Financial Statement as presented. Tim Huck seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

VIII. REPORTS

A. Director's Report

1. 509 Market – The Standard
 - Nw on-site property manager and maintenance person hired
 - March 2019 Move-in
2. 624 Texas – Lofts at 624
 - New Management: Joan Hooper, RiverLake Properties
 - Owner sued for defrauding investors in bond fund scene, non-payments to bank and others
3. Louisiana & Cotton – Arlington Hotel
 - Appraiser on-site Tuesday
 - City working with developers to transfer property
4. 114 Texas St. – Former Humphree's
 - On CivicSource
5. 420 Commerce – Former Kokopelli's
 - Bank Sale is off
 - Caught up on taxes except for 2018
 - Interested in selling for \$700K
 - No power or water, leaking sprinkler system
6. Lake Street Railroad Crossing

- Reopening crossing tabled until Dec. 20
 - Railroad is communicating, unsure about no-blow zone
 - Street work will be needed as well as more than \$1M
7. 719 Marshall – Ridgeway Square Condos
 - Parking lot fencing completed
 8. 604 Market St – CNB Motor Bank
 - Demo Permit
 - Automatic 180-day hold
 9. 409 Crockett – Butterfly Effect
 - Will be placed on side of Eddie Hakim’s building
 10. DDA Contracts
 - Both Streetscape and Parking contracts have been turned in to City Attorney and Public Works
 11. Sci-Port
 - I-MAX Challenges- expensive to transfer and new tech needed to update
 - Improvements are continuing

B. Parking Report

Mr. Lorenzo Lee presented the parking report for November 2018. Ticket revenue is on par, coinage revenue was lower than average, but the total of income was as expected in comparison to previous years. Parking app payments continue to rise and make up almost half of the additional meter revenue.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. The Common Park

Ms. Swaine let the board members know that work was on going for the Common Park and that Shreveport Common was still fundraising for additional features.

B. City Administration Change/Update

Mayor-elect Adrian Perkins has expressed that he is looking forward to working with the DDA. Ms. Swaine informed and encouraged Perkins to sign Streetscape and ShrevePark Parking contracts and has also spoken with new city council members. Current city department heads have been asked to re-apply for their positions.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment of Nominating Committee – 2019 Officers

The nominating committee suggested the 2019 Officers be appointed as follows: Tim Huck as Chair, Christine Bailey as Vice Chair, and Logan Schroeder as Secretary. Both Lydia Jackson and Stanley Varner declined the position of Chair.

Stanley Varner made a motion to appoint Tim Huck as Chair, Christine Bailey as Vice Chair, and Logan Schroeder as Secretary for 2019. John Hubbard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Schroeder asked if there were any announcements. There were none.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Mr. Schroeder asked for non-agenda public comments. Mr. Bill Wiener reiterated his concern for how climate change will affect our downtown. Mr. Feico Kempf expressed

his concerns regarding the list of the new mayor's transition team and its lack of people with city experience.

XIII. ADJOURN

Tim Huck made a motion to adjourn. Stanley Varner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

With no further business to address, the meeting adjourned at 4:52 pm.

Logan Schroeder, Secretary