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DOWNTON DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Board of Directors

Regular Board Meeting
February 10. 2025
10:00 A.M
3921 Church Street, Clarkston, GA 30021

MEETING MINUTES

Note: Jacob Bouie of the Planning and Economic Development Department transcribed this summary of the meeting. The summary is an overview of the meeting and not intended to be a verbatim transcription of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 A.M by Chairman Johnny Garcia.

The following board members were present: Chairman Johnny Garcia, Vice Chairperson Rezwan Ahmad, Director John Gange, Secretary Adria Marshall, and Treasurer Nebiyu Ermiyas.

Director John G. motioned to approve the February 10, 2025, agenda, with a modification to prioritize the discussion and review of the proposed contract from Macauley Investments as the first item under Old Business. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Rezwan and passed with a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Director John G. motioned to approve the January 13, 2025, regular board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Rezwan with a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Old Business

A. **Discussion and Review of the Proposed Contract from Macauley Investments** – The board reviewed the proposed contract from Macauley Investments and discussed necessary modifications. Questions raised by the board were addressed, providing further clarification on the agreement. Director John G. motioned to approve the contract. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Rezwan and passed unanimously with a vote of 4-0.

B. **Discussion on Consulting Services for the DDA** – The board engaged in a discussion regarding potential consulting services to support the DDA's strategic initiatives. No formal vote was taken.

C. **Review of the Downtown Business Owners Survey** – Secretary Adria M. motioned to accept the business survey with necessary modifications. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Nebiyu and approved by the board.

New Business

Discussion on the Establishment of "cityofclarkstondda@gmail.com" – Chairman Garcia established the official email address, "cityofclarkstondda@gmail.com," to streamline communication and organizational matters.

b. **Discussion on the Status of "CITY OF CLARKSTON DDA, LLC"** – Chairman Garcia initiated the process to establish "CITY OF CLARKSTON DDA, LLC." The board is currently awaiting state approval and plans to apply for non-profit status once verification is complete.

Discussion on the Submission of Lowe's Project Nomination for The Sutton House/Forty Oaks- Chairman Garcia submitted the nomination for The Sutton House via **cityofclarkstondda@gmail.com**. The board discussed opportunities for cross-collaboration with other commission boards in relation to the project. The board will be notified if the nomination is selected on March 7, 2025.

Discussion on the Recent Approval of the DDA Map – The board expressed satisfaction with the newly approved DDA Map, noting improvements such as the inclusion of additional parcels, updated zoning designations, and enhanced clarity compared to the previous version.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 AM. Director John G. motioned to adjourn, Secretary Adria seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.