

City of Norcross

65 Lawrenceville Street
Norcross, GA 30071



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 28, 2017

6:00 PM

2nd Floor Conference Room

Norcross Downtown Development Authority

Chair John Bemis

Board Member Rob Girard

Board Member Laura Hester

Board Member Dan Watch

Board Member Avery Wood

Board Member Michael Delaney

A. Call to Order

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Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John Bemis	Chair	Present	
Rob Girard	Board Member	Present	
Laura Hester	Board Member	Present	
Dan Watch	Board Member	Absent	
Avery Wood	Board Member	Present	
Michael Delaney	Board Member	Absent	

Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by

B. Presentation of previous meetings minutes for acceptance and acceptance of the agenda as presented for scheduled meeting.**a. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Motion made by R. Girard to approve the minutes and 2nd by A. Wood. Carries 5-0.

b. Citizen Input - None**C. Board General Updates****A. New Business - J Bemis**

1. L. Hester makes the motion that the previous DDA Chairman, P. Eidt be approved as a special consult to the DDA Board. Motion 2nd by J. Bemis. Motion carries 5-0.
2. L. Hester makes the motion that J. Bemis move from "acting" chairman to the permanent chairman of the DDA Board. 2nd by J. McGarrah. Unanimous 5-0.
3. Nomination for A. Wood as the vice-chairman by J. Bemis and 2nd R. Girard. Unanimous
4. R. Girard nominated as DDA Treasurer by J. Bemis and 2nd by A. Wood. Motion carries 5-0.

B. Old Business**D. Treasurer's Report - Rob Girard****A. New Business**

Budget Review at the DDA November meeting

B. Old Business**E. Council Update - None****A. New Business****B. Old Business**

F. Economic Development Report - Chris Moder**A. New Business - Update**

1. Business Breakfast is October 24th from 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
2. Freeport Tax Presentation (tax exemptions for certain types of inventory) was made to Mayor and Council. C. Moder states that if accepted the Freeport Tax would put Norcross on an equal playing field with other surrounding areas.
3. The Wrecking Corp of America is the lowest of the three bids to demolish 85 Bostic St. (the old Sprouts Daycare) and 5755 Buford Highway (Nam Bakery space) is at \$47,500.00 J. Bemis makes the motion to accept the recommendation that the Wrecking Corp of America LLC be the company used to demo the Buford Hwy and Bostic St. properties. J. McGarrah 2nd the motion Unanimous.

B. Old Business**G. Economic Development / DDA Coordinator - Tara Smith****A. New Business**

Cotton Gin - Presently there is office space available at the Cotton Gin. Generations Norcross Ministry has moved out. Another business that will be leaving December 31st. It is suggested that the DDA put a "For Rent" sign on the exterior signage that displays all the business names.

B. Old Business**H. Downtown Manager's Report - Cate Kitchen****A. New Business**

The side of Dominick;s Restaurant will likely become the Merchants new loading and unloading zone.

B. Old Business**C. New Section****I. Executive Session**

J. Bemis motions to go into executive session at 6:55 p.m. Out of Executive Session at 7:24 p.m.

J. Adjourn

R.Girard motions to adjourn at 7:42 pm carries 5-0

The meeting was closed at 7:42 PM