

City of Charlotte  
**Downtown Development Authority**  
Regular Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2016

This regular meeting of the City of Charlotte Downtown Development Authority for Thursday, April 14, 2016 was called to order by Chairperson Sommer at 7:30 a.m.

B. Myrkle called **the Roll**:

**Present:** Jeannette Sommer, Tom Hewitt, Ken Wirt, Bob Phillips, Travis Silvas, Mayor Lewis

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** Bryan Myrkle, Community Development

**Public:** There was no members of the public present to address the board.

**Minutes:** Bob Phillips made a motion to approve the March 10, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. Ken Wirt supported the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**Agenda:**

- A. **Fiscal year 2016-2017 Budget** – Bryan Myrkle explained the budget proposal he prepared for the DDA Board’s consideration, highlighting the changes from the previous fiscal year budget. The major changes included no debt service payments, as the debt for The Corral building purchase was paid-in-full during the current year; as well as eliminating the sponsorship of the Farmer’s Market, because that has become basically self-sufficient. He said that, otherwise, the budget remained substantially the same as previous years.

Board members talked about the continuing lack of DDA revenue and expressed hope that an economic turnaround would have a positive effect on the DDA. The board also talked about how the use of development incentives affects future DDA revenue.

Other topics mentioned during the budget discussion were a desire for better downtown sidewalk snow removal, and the use of downtown parking spaces by apartment residents.

At the end of the discussion, Bob Phillips made a motion to approve the DDA budget proposal as presented. Ken Wirt supported the motion, which was unanimously approved.

- B. Downtown Updates and Reports** – Bryan Myrkle talked to the board about several items, including the sale of the former Christensen’s Furniture building, the apartment development at the Masonic Temple, the ongoing public art project, the parking lot redevelopment project, the coming new phases of the Olde School Village development, the Love Charlotte community clean-up on April 23, and the opportunities presented as part of Project Rising Tide.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.**