

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting
July 16, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: By Boardmember Wirt on Tuesday, July 16, 2019, at 8:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Board members, Potter, Wirt, Silvas, and Phillips.

ALSO PRESENT: Community Development Director Myrkle, Deputy Clerk Walters, and Mayor Lewis.

ABSENT: Chairperson Wilson, board members Limas and Lyon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF May 21, 2019: Board member Wirt moved, supported by Silvas to approve the minutes of May 21, 2019. Carried. 5 Yes. 0 No.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Board member Lyon arrived at 8:02 a.m.

A. DOWNTOWN PROJECT UPDATE:

Director Myrkle stated that a Beach Market ground breaking will take place on Monday August 19th at 12:00pm. He also stated the project is estimated to take 2-2.5 months and the Farmer's Market will move to that location.

Friends of Beach Market will approach the DDA regarding the Parking Lot project design. There is a video showing the anticipated design of the project.

Director Myrkle stated that the summer concerts were starting well with some new groups and support from the Festival Alliance. He stated there is interest in getting some older cars to the show from the 1920's-1940's.

Director Myrkle discussed sidewalk repair and stated that the project will not involve stamped concrete due to the difference in cost.

Director Myrkle stated that Vision 2025 is a strategic planning project through the City and has completed two focus groups.

Director Myrkle stated the Edmond Apartment project has been successful and the developer may propose a phase two.

B. CHARLOTTE RISING UPDATE:

Lisa Barna, Charlotte Rising Director, presented the programming Charlotte Rising is putting on in conjunction with the Thursday Concerts.

Barna outlined the ongoing and recent projects at Charlotte Rising including a collaboration with Olivet College, Crosswalk paintings, a fence with vine on Charlotte lithograph building, adding backs to the benches downtown with the Charlotte logo, and two videos of downtown.

Barna stated they are also building a volunteer database.

C. OTHER UPDATES AND REPORTS:

Director Myrkle stated there are new state rules in place regarding DDA meetings, requiring more comprehensive reporting. He also mentioned that after the November Election he would like to discuss an Economic Development Board.

Director Myrkle stated the trash can purchase will be reviewed at the next meeting with Chairperson Wilson.

COMMENTS: Courtney Anderson, Chamber of Commerce Director, stated they are preparing for the Taste of Charlotte event, Charlotte Celebrates was a successful event, and they are excited for the Beach Market Project.

Boardmember Wirt stated he was excited to see people working together to make things happen.

Meeting adjourned by Boardmember Wirt at 8:31 A.M.

Jessica Walters, Deputy City Clerk