

**DULUTH
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Main Street Conference Room
July 18, 2017
MINUTES**

Present: **Rob Ponder – DDA Chairman
Ron Osterloh – DDA Vice Chairman
Jim Graham – DDA Member
Slade Lail – DDA Member
Ken Odum – DDA Member**

Absent: **Bill Weaver - DDA Member
Pam Smith - DDA Member**

Staff: **Economic Development Will Corbin
Assistant to Mayor and City Mgr. Kim Jackson
Finance Manager Ken Sakmar**

Council:

DDA Chairman Rob Ponder called the July 18, 2017 DDA meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

MINUTES

Chairman Rob Ponder requested approval of the minutes from the June 20, 2017 meeting. **Ken Odum made a motion to approve the June 20th DDA meeting minutes; Jim Graham seconded the motion. All voted in favor.**

FINANCE REPORT

Ken Sakmar reviewed the DDA Budget and updated the authority on the activities in their accounts.

RED CLAY REPORT

Eddie Owen gave an update on the Red Clay Music Foundry to the DDA; In June 19 shows and 2,014 people, to date 974 shows and 104,892 people attended. Sign has been moved to the back of the building due to Construction

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Staff updated the DDA on several projects; Parsons Alley tenants, 600 Building, Good Word Brew Pub & Home South Homes,

NEW BUSINESS

ULI Award for Excellence Parsons Alley – Parsons Alley has been nominated.

Façade Grant – As requested staff presented a draft of a façade grant policy. Changes were made to the document and it will be re submitted to the DDA in August for final approval

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ken Odum made a motion to adjourn the regular session of the DDA; Jim Graham seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting closed at 7:54 p.m.

Next scheduled DDA meeting is August 15, 2017

Chairman, Rob Ponder

Secretary, Chris McGahee

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