

**DULUTH
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Main Street Conference Room
September 19, 2017
MINUTES**

Present: Rob Ponder – DDA Chairman
Jim Graham – DDA Member
Ken Odum – DDA Member
Bill Weaver - DDA Member

Absent: Ron Osterloh – DDA Vice Chairman
Pam Smith - DDA Member
Slade Lail – DDA Member

Staff: Economic Development Chris McGahee
Economic Development William Corbin
Assistant to Mayor and City Mgr. Kim Jackson
Finance Manager Ken Sakmar

Council:

DDA Chairman Rob Ponder called the September 19, 2017 DDA meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

MINUTES

Chairman Rob Ponder requested approval of the minutes from the August 15, 2017 meeting. **Bill Weaver made a motion to approve the August 15th DDA meeting minutes; Ken Odum 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

William Corbin gave an update on the Red Clay Music Foundry to the DDA; In August 9 shows and 930 people, to date 985 shows and 1648122 people attended.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Staff updated the DDA on several projects; ULI Award, Good Word Brew Pub and the Buford Highway Median Project.

NEW BUSINESS

Staff presented the plan and timing for the Red clay parking lot. Staff will bring the parking plan for the lot to the October meeting. Staff gave a Parsons Alley tenant update. A video from GMA on how to make an attractive city was played for the group. William gave an update on the Home South Development.

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 8:02 p.m.

Next scheduled DDA meeting is October 17, 2017

Chairman, Rob Ponder

Secretary, Chris McGahee

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