



Monthly Meeting of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board of Directors Downtown
Development Authority Meeting
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5 @ 9:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER: 9:08 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Treasurer Omar George, Pj Jacokes, Acting Chair Sarah Brown, Metari Harris, Secretary Je Donna Dinges, Toly Ashkenazi, Jerome Raska and Mayor Raylon Leaks May (9:11 AM)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jess Minnick,

STAFF PRESENT: Sommer Realy, Engagement Manager; Jennie Beeker, Executive Director

GUESTS: Joseph Gacioch, City Manager

2. Approval of Agenda

AYES – Treasurer Omar George, Pj Jacokes, Acting Chair Sarah Brown, Metari Harris, Secretary Je Donna Dinges, Toly Ashkenazi, Jerome Raska and Mayor Raylon Leaks May

NAYS- None

All ayes, motion carries.

3. Call to Audience

N/A

4. Information Items from Executive Director

- a. Personal goals for 2024 were voiced by DDA Board members, DDA staff, and audience in attendance
- b. Acknowledgement that lessons have been learned though recent experiences and that interpretations of by-laws and parliamentary procedure have been clarified through legal counsel
- c. Notice of upcoming events and stated intentions for Board member training

5. Call to Board Members

- a. Board members were given 3 minutes each to share their personal thoughts and opinions on the DDA Board
- b. Written statement from absent Board member Jess Minick read by Acting Chair Sarah Brown

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval Minutes from regular board of directors meeting held on January 18, 2023

AYES – Treasurer Omar George, Pj Jacokes, Acting Chair Sarah Brown, Metari Harris, Secretary Je Donna Dinges, Toly Ashkenazi, Jerome Raska and Mayor Raylon Leaks May

NAYS- None

All ayes, motion carries.

7. Regular Agenda

a. Nomination of Board Officers

Metari Harris welcomes nomination for vice chair and supports Sara Brown for chair
Sara Brown is interested in chair

Motion by Jerome Raska to appoint Sara Brown as Chair, seconded by Toly Ashkenazi.

Motion by Pj Jacokes to appoint Metari Harris to serve as Vice Chairperson.

AYES - Treasurer Omar George, Pj Jacokes, Acting Chair Sarah Brown, Metari Harris,
Secretary Je Donna Dinges, Toly Ashkenazi, Jerome Raska and Mayor Raylon Leaks May.

NAYS- None

All ayes, motion carries.

9. Adjournment

Adjourn the meeting at **9:50 AM**

AYES – Treasurer Omar George, Pj Jacokes, Chair Sarah Brown, Vice Chair Metari Harris,
Secretary Je Donna Dinges, Toly Ashkenazi, Jerome Raska and Mayor Raylon Leaks May.

NAYS – None

All ayes, motion carries.