

**Lawrenceville Downtown Development Authority
Board Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2007**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Reedy (Chairman), Marie Beiser (Vice Chair), Carter Gorman (Treasurer), Kathy Monroe (Secretary), Danny Gravitt, Allen Richardson, Larry Still

OTHERS PRESENT: Tony Powell (Webb, Tanner, Powell, Mertz & Wilson), Melody Glouton (WTPMW), Linda Nash, Craig Willis, Rod Britton

The Board members of the Lawrenceville Downtown Development Authority met on Monday, June 25, 2007 at 7:00 pm at Old City Hall in Lawrenceville, GA. Jay Markwalter, DDA Staff, kept the minutes of the meeting.

1.0-Call To Order- Mike Reedy called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

2.0-Quorum- It was determined that a quorum was present.

3.0-Minutes- Kathy Monroe made a motion to approve the March 26 minutes and Allen Richardson seconded the motion for an approval by consensus without any discussion.

4.0- Agenda Approval

Following the approval of the minutes, Mike Reedy called for a motion to approve the agenda. Marie Beiser made a motion to approve the agenda and Kathy Monroe seconded the motion followed by full Board consensus.

Prior to Old Business, Mike Reedy asked that Linda Nash / Clayton St. Complex (New Business – Agenda Item 6.1) present her concept plan for the Depot / Warehouse district. Ms. Nash distributed concept plans to the Board members for the Clayton St. area near the depot and described her vision and status for renovation of the Warehouse building across the railroad tracks and the ideas for leasing the Depot from the city as well as her wishes for designated parking areas. Linda will be proceeding with similar presentations to the City Council.

5.0- OLD BUSINESS

5.1- Historical Overlay Zone from the Downtown Overlay District – The board continued the ongoing open discussion regarding the necessary recommendation for eliminating the Historic Overlay Zone from the overlay area. The zone was discussed in February and March, and it was established that the current regulation is not a preservation ordinance. The Board voted to eliminate the zone in February. To make the recommendation to the City Planning Commission, Kathy Monroe made a motion to recommend no alternate plan to replace the historic zone and Marie Beiser seconded the motion followed by full Board consensus that the architectural guidelines and controls will suffice for regulations.

5.2- Tunnell Spangler Walsh TSW – Park Area Status – The Board discussed the topic of revisiting the concept plans by Bill Tunnell for the Park Area (Jackson/Luckie/Clayton street areas). The DDA needs to give TSW direction for proceeding with the present contract to design the concept for the park/amphitheatre space. The general discussion was that the DDA should not eliminate the project but revisit the initial plans with TSW and create phases for the park area instead of the first, ambitious concept drawings. The Board asked the staff to arrange bringing TSW representatives to the July meeting for a follow-up discussion. Danny Gravitt made a motion to proceed with reexamining the project by breaking it down into possible phases. Marie Beiser seconded the motion followed by full Board approval.

6.0- New Business

6.1- Depot Area Development – Clayton St. Complex (Linda Nash) – To respect visitor / private citizen amount of time attending the Board meeting – Ms. Nash's presentation was made early in the meeting, as suggested by Chairman Mike Reedy, prior to Old Business. *Please see above report following agenda item 4.0.

6.2- Old Oakes House – Visitor Welcome Center – The Board held an open discussion regarding the idea of the LTTA / DDA offices and a Lawrenceville Welcome Center to be located in the city owned Oakes House next to the parking deck and Post Office. Presently, there are tenants still occupying the house until July 1. The Board is supportive of the idea and suggests that staff, with city assistance, research and prepare estimates of renovation for office and visitor facilities. Chairman Mike Reedy mentioned that he would voice the DDA Board support for the proposed facility usage at the next City Council work session. Allen Richardson made a motion to proceed with the research, concept planning, and presentation to City Council and Danny Gravitt seconded the motion. The Board agreed with full support to move toward creating a Welcome Center at the Oakes House property.

7.0- There were no further citizen comments

8.0- The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm with a motion from Allen Richardson and a second from Danny Gravitt.

Respectfully submitted by Jay Markwalter, DDA Staff