

# Meeting Minutes

January 14th at 12:00pm

An in-person meeting of The Downtown Development Authority was held on Friday Lcpwct{" 36vj."4244 at 32:00pm in The City-County Meeting Room of The Thomaston-Upson Government Complex.

Economic Development Coordinator, Mr. Taylor Smith called the meeting to order at 34:22 pm. In attendance were board members: Lane Coggins, Catherine Baity, Angie McGill, and Doug Head. Board Member"Cu jng{"Ecwfkn"jcf"cp"gzewugf"cdugpeg." y jkng" o g o dgt" Fcttgp"Fc{"u" cdugpeg" y cu"wpgzewugf0"Dqctf"Og o dgt"Lcp"Mpki jv)u"vgt o "gpfgf"qp"3415214243"cpf"ujg"jcu" fgekfgf"vjcv"ujg"pq"nqpi gt" y k u j g u"vq"ugtxg"qp"vjg"FFC"dqctf0

Mr0" J gcf"motioned to approve the Minutes of the Pqxo dgt"34, 2021 meeting, which was seconded by Mrs. McGill. All votes were in favor of approving the meeting minutes. Mr. Head motioned to adopt the agenda, which was seconded by Mrs. Coggins and carried unanimously.

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Mr. Smith suggested that we follow suit of Griffin and establish an application round (Spring/Fall), as well as a grading rubric that gives points based on projects (Paint, Signage, Awning, Etc.). The board agreed that this direction would be best in the future, but for now we leave the program as is. After further conversation regarding the appearance of the property in question, Mrs. Baity suggested that Mr. Smith schedule a site visit with Mr. Palmer and the Building Inspector, Mr. John Baxter to assess the property. This would also give Mr. Smith the opportunity to recommend additional projects (Awnings, Signage, Etc.), so that Mr. Palmer may take full advantage of the \$5,000 max facade grant. Mrs. Coggins motioned to table the application until such time that a site visit and further discussion can be had with Mr. Palmer. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Baity and carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the discussion of the DDA Parking lot. Mr. Smith informed the board that the Thomaston Health Spa (210 S. Center St.) is currently for sale. Mr. Smith mentioned a potential mural on the back of the building upon its sale and easement transfer from the new property owner. Additionally, Mr. Smith informed the board that he had met with Mr. Guy Robinson of Straight Edge Seal Coating to gather a quote to repave/seal coat the parking lot. Discussion was had around the dumpsters in the lot and the potential to relocate them and build a brick enclosure. Additional discussion was had regarding the wooden trellis that shields Fun 101's Radio Tower. Mr. Smith informed the board that he would be following up with Dave Piper to schedule a meeting to discuss the radio tower and satellites. Mr. Smith will also reach out to the College of Environment & Design at the University of Georgia to discuss partnership opportunities.

The next item up for discussion were the DDA Bylaws. Mr. Smith and Mrs. Baity have reviewed the current DDA Bylaws and provided the board with suggested revisions. Additionally, Mrs. Baity provided the Georgia Code that authorizes DDA Programs and a Conflict of Interest Policy. Mrs. McGill motioned to adopt the updated Bylaws, which was seconded by Mrs. Coggins and carried unanimously.

In other business, Mr. Smith provided updates on several items. First, Mr. Smith informed the board that HGTV would be wrapping up filming on 1/22, with the show expected to air in April/May. Secondly, the board was notified of the Annual Main Street Assessment due on 1/15, alongside the Main Street Certificates. Finally, Mr. Smith informed the board that he has been having preliminary discussions around a Spring Art Festival (4/22 - 4/24), that would include an Art Walk, Chalk/Arts & Crafts Festival, mural restorations, and a concert. Mr. Head suggested that a mural depicting Thomaston's Peach History would be a nice addition to Downtown.

Mr. Smith asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion was made by Mrs. Coggins and seconded by Mr. Head. All commission members stood to show approval, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Taylor J. Smith

Economic Development Coordinator