

# **DAHLONEGA DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY/MAIN STREET BOARD**

## **February 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members Present:** Hal Williams, Larry Odom, Denson Martin, Mike Miller, Chris Welch, Tony Owens

**Board Members Absent:** Donna Logan

**Partners Present:** Gary McCullough, Bruce Howerton, Amy Booker, Sam Norton

**Staff Present:** Joel Cordle, Shea Wages

Larry called meeting to order at 8:45 AM

**I. Approve January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes** - A motion to approve the January 8<sup>th</sup> minutes was made by Denson, and seconded by Hal. All members present unanimously approved the motion.

**II. Approve financial report** – Joel asked the board to refer to the January financials included in the board packet, and he highlight the January expenditures. A motion to accept the financial report as presented was made by Tony, seconded by Mike. All members present unanimously approved the motion.

### **III. Announcements from partner agencies**

- City of Dahlonega – Gary announced that parking issues are being immediately addressed at the upcoming city council meeting. He also invited the members of the board to attend the official completion of the electric car charging station that the city received a grant to install. Sam Norton, representing the south side of the square merchants, mentioned that these merchants held a meeting to discuss their interest in being the trial location of 3 hour limit parking on the historic Public Square.
- University of North Georgia - Bruce noted that the university has learned that there wasn't money in the board of regent's budget for the planning of the convocation center on the University of North Georgia campus. He also announced that the Hood Property on Vickery Drive has been sold to Roberta Green.
- Chamber of Commerce/Tourism Office – Amy updated the board on the Chamber's attendance at Tourism Day at the State Capital. She was also excited to share that Dahlonega is officially established as the Wine Tasting Room of Georgia.
- Historic Preservation Commission – Joel announced that the HPC did not meet in January.
- Dahlonega 2000, Inc. - Joel report on the bank statement and January projects completed.

**V. Staff Report** - Board members received a copy of the January staff report. Joel highlighted the major projects worked on during the previous month. There was emphasis made on the work for upcoming projects and events such as Arbor Day, the annual Celebrating Success property investment celebration, and hosting events like the state Historic Preservation Conference and a mobile tour related to the National Main Street Conference held in Atlanta this year.

**V. Expand Planning Retreat Priority Issues with Assignments, Action Steps, and Time Lines – Creating 2015 Work Plan** – Joel led a discussion and brainstorm session of the priority work issues that were generated during at the January 29<sup>th</sup> DDA work plan retreat.

**VI. New Business** – There was no new business.

**VII. Adjourn** – Denson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tony. All present unanimously approved the motion. Larry adjourned the meeting at 10:00 AM.