

DAHLONEGA DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY/MAIN STREET BOARD

January 8, 2015

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present: Hal Williams, Larry Odom, Donna Logan, Denson Martin, Mike Miller, Chris Welch

Board Members Absent: Tony Owens

Partners Present: Bruce Howerton, Lou Stewart

Staff Present: Joel Cordle, Shea Wages, Laura Grant

Denson called the meeting to order at 8:45 AM

I. Approve December 11 meeting minutes – A motion to approve the December 11 minutes was made by Donna, and seconded by Denson. All members present unanimously approved the motion.

II. Approve financial report – Joel asked the board to refer to the December financials included in the board packet. He itemized the December expenses and revenues. A motion to accept the financial report as presented was made by Larry, seconded by Hal. All members present unanimously approved the motion.

III. Announcements from partner agencies

- City of Dahlonega – Lou announced that city is placing two electric car charging stations downtown. They will both be located on Choice Street. Lou also announced the city has hired a new City Engineer and Public Works Director. He will begin February 1st. She also noted that the public works department has been working diligently on improving the downtown aesthetics, specifically the flowerbeds. Finally, Lou concluded that the public works department staff is back to full capacity.
- University of North Georgia – Bruce announced that the regents approved the new housing development that the university is building across from the chow hall. He says that the intent is to decrease commuter students, increasing on-campus students, while still maintaining the same number of students attending the University. Project will begin this summer. Lou mentioned that the city is working with the university on how to create a safe crosswalk at this location. Bruce then briefed the board on the new apartment develop that is happening across from Charlie's Grocery. The developer is expecting 150 beds by August 2015. This property will be gated and it is intended for there to be a shuttle to campus in order to avoid more parking issues. Joel thanked the University for their donation to 2014 Old Fashioned Christmas and for allowing the city to borrow the university's lift for installing and removing the lights.
- Chamber of Commerce/Tourism Office – There was not a Chamber of Commerce/ Tourism Office representative at the meeting.
- Historic Preservation Commission – Joel referred to the HPC December minutes included in the board packet. The only thing that was discussed was North Grove Hall's application. Joel reminded the board that the GA HPC State Training will be held in Dahlonega April 10-11, 2015.

VI. New Business – Joel referred to the Merchants Coalition Meeting Minutes included in the board packet.

IV. Staff Report For November 20th – December 22, 2014. Board members received a copy of the staff report. Joel highlighted the major projects worked on during the previous month.

V. DDA 2015 annual meeting

- 2014 summary - Joel refereed to the itemized list from the 2014 year that was included in the board packet and shared highlights of the key projects of 2014. He noted that the DDA worked with 33 business prospects and property owners for this year.
- 2015 Officers Election – Denson referred to the proposed new slate of officers from the December meeting. The slate was: Larry Odom, Chairman; Tony Owens, Vice-Chairman; Hal Williams, Treasurer; Denson Martin, Secretary

Denson asked if there were any further nominations from the floor. There were none. Chris made a motion to approve and elect the slate of officers as presented. It was seconded by Larry. All present unanimously approved the motion.

VII. Adjourn – Hal made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Donna. All present unanimously approved the motion. Denson adjourned the meeting at 9:16 AM.