

# MEETING MINUTES

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 21, 2016 | 8:30 AM | SDRA Office | 2203 Abercorn Street  
Chair-Elect Dawn Morgan, Presiding

### Board Members Present:

Brad Baugh, John R. Bennett, Stephanie Bock, Theodora “T” L. Gongaware, Adam Kirk, Jerry Lominack, Marysue McCarthy, Dawn Morgan, Meg Albertson Pace, Stephen Palmer, Kris Patel, Connie Pinkerton, Stephen Plunk, Anne Roise, Victor Shernoff, Gina Smith, Beth Vantosh, Milton Vazquez, Christine Wacta

### Board Members Absent:

Barbara Cortese, Tom Kohler, Richard “Dicky” Mopper, Henry “Hank” Reed II, Dorothy Strong, Taylor Watts

### Quorum Present?

Yes

### Others Present:

Kevin Klinkenberg, Executive Director; Katherine Williams, Program Coordinator; Amy Brock, Consultant; Manuel Dominguez, City of Savannah Economic Development Director; Alderman Bill Durrence, District II; Daniel Carey, Historic Savannah Foundation

### I. Call to Order — Dawn Morgan

The Board of Directors meeting of Savannah Development and Renewal Authority was called to order at 8:30 AM on September 21, 2016 at 2203 Abercorn Street by Chair-Elect Morgan.

### II. Previous Minutes — Dawn Morgan

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

### III. Treasurer’s Report — Kris Patel

Mr. Patel reviewed the current financials and expressed nothing of major concern at this time.

### IV. Executive Director’s Report Discussion Items — Kevin Klinkenberg

Copies of the Executive Director’s Report were enclosed. Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Shernoff asked about the request for extra funding being denied. Mr. Klinkenberg suggested that it is likely an issue of timing, and that we are working with the City on the 2017 budget. Also, it is important that we continue to work toward financial independence, and that all requests bear that issue in mind.

### V. Committee Report Discussion Items — Kevin Klinkenberg

Copies of Committee Reports were enclosed. Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

### VI. Board Education Discussion — Patrick Bentley, SEDA

Mr. Bentley gave an overview of his role at SEDA, and the innovation economy in Savannah.

### VII. Promotional Programs — Katherine Williams

1. Golden Broom Award—Ms. Williams stated that the Golden Broom Award ceremony for the



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4th quarter will involve an entire block, and it will be a competition between alternate sides. We need help in identifying a great block for the event. Mr. Shernoff suggested involving some of the larger chain stores to help support these programs and the Better Block.

2. Ribbon Cuttings—Ms. Williams stated that we have a ribbon cutting today at the Apollo Pharmacy on Broughton Street. In the future, we would like to use these events for businesses that we have directly assisted, in order to differentiate us from other community organizations.
3. Third- and Fourth-Quarter Better Blocks—Ms. Williams thanked Board members for their assistance, and gave a recap of the Third Quarter Better Block. The Wells Park Committee and Marketing & Promotions Committee are working together on a Fourth Quarter Better Block.

#### **VII. Savannah Urbanism Series — Kevin Klinkenberg**

Mr. Klinkenberg stated that SDRA would hold a second installment of the series on October 20th and that Joe Riley, the former Mayor of Charleston, would be the speaker. The reception will start promptly at 5:00 and speaking at 5:30.

#### **IX. Lean Urbanism Grant — Kevin Klinkenberg**

Mr. Klinkenberg stated the Project for Lean Urbanism will be doing their Phase One - Lean Scan the week of October 24th. We will send out meeting notices for the week as soon as is possible. Phase Two will be a workshop in Spring of 2017. Our Friday Board Education lunch this Friday will be on Lean Urbanism. Mr. Lominack suggested asking the Downtown Neighborhood Association and other organizations for money to participate in the program. Mr. Klinkenberg also stated that we are also hosting a one-day workshop on small development on January 11, at the Bull Street Library.

#### **X. Development Updates — Kevin Klinkenberg**

Mr. Klinkenberg stated he and Mr. Dominguez have revised the development plan for 2205/2207 MLK, and it should be about ready to go to City Manager for approval. We also are going to hire an architect and start moving the project forward, and we will need Board approval for that vendor. Staff will be sending out an RFQ to architects in order to solicit firms.

#### **XI. Forthcoming Reports — Kevin Klinkenberg**

Mr. Klinkenberg mentioned two forthcoming reports that he would like the Board to review and comment on. These include a streetscape report for MLK/Montgomery and our Urban Economic Gardening report. Both of these have too much detail to get into at a Board meeting, so please review outside the meeting and comment.

#### **XII. Board Assignments — Katherine Williams**

Ms. Williams handed out a proposed Board of Directors contract that will be an outline of expectations for Board members starting in 2017 and going forward. This is a work in progress, and comments are welcome. Ms. Wacta asked about exceptions to the 75% rule that City Council is considering for all boards, commissions and authorities. Staff will clarify. Mr. Klinkenberg mentioned that SDRA has never done a contract, but that it is important to have a mutual level of expectation about what it means to be a Board member. Mr. Klinkenberg also asked each Board member to sign up for one of our programs or projects, in order to prioritize each Board member's involvement and contribution.

#### **XIII. Old Business — Dawn Morgan**

Mr. Lominack reiterated the issue with the parking lot at the Visitors' Center.



**XIV. New Business** — Dawn Morgan

Mr. Bennett mentioned that the Planning and Advocacy Committee is organizing pedestrian and bicycle counts for Bay Street.

**XV. Adjournment** — Dawn Morgan

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM | Minutes submitted by: Kris Patel

