

Downtown Development Authority of the City of Perry
Minutes 0 February 27, 2023

1. Call To Order: Chairman Rhodes called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Roll: Chairman Rhodes; Directors Kinnas, George, Gordon, Tuggle, Cossart, and Yasin were present.

2. Invocation: was given by Chairman Rhodes

3. Guests/Speakers - Terre Walker – Perry Area Historical Society

4. Citizens with Input – None

5. Old Business

- a. Historic Society Sign Request – Ms. Hartley provided a map of the areas still available and as a reminder suggested not selecting those on Jernigan Street as the City will be commencing with the road work and will provide those signs. In reviewing the map, the consensus of the board was to select signs for Main/Jernigan, Main/First, First/Swift, Commerce/Meeting, and Carroll/Meeting. Director George motioned to approve funding for five street signs as selected; Commissioner Cossart seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

- b. RFQ Administration Building – Ms. Hartley advised the two interviews with the development groups have been completed and a recommendation is necessary to present to Council. Ms. Hartley noted the recommendation does not bind the DDA. Director Cossart motioned to recommend Parrish Construction Group to Council for the proposed Administration Building; Director George seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

*Director Yasin entered the meeting at 5:10pm and Director Gordon at 5:14pm.

6. New Business

- a. Approve minutes of January 23, 2023, meeting

Commissioner Kinnas motioned to approve as submitted; Director Yasin seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

- b. Approve December 2022 and January 2023 Financials

Commissioner George motioned to approve as submitted; Director Cossart seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

7. Other Business – None

8. Member Items – Director George inquired about the status of 719 Carroll Street; Ms. Hartley advised they have complied with Community Development's request;

permit is in review and the Main Street Board will review the COA application March 2nd. Director Gordon would like to suggest a cross walk at Washington Street and Northside Drive with the recent reduction of the speed limit.

9. Main Street Report – Director Cossart advised the Promotion Committee is in full swing with the upcoming spring wine tasting and noted this is one of the boards’ main fund raisers, which allows them to invest in downtown improvements, such as was recently done with the alleyway project.

10. Downtown Update

- a. Downtown Projects Update – Additional COAs – 742 Main Street, Wingate Project, and 805 Commerce Street; Italian Restaurant planned for Commodore Building, late summer; Wingate Development on Northside Drive Site plans not yet submitted; retail/restaurant space available; Permits issued for work on Old Thornton's Closet Building; Old Daisy Patch available for rent; Railroad Parking lot engineering continues; Downtown Solid Waste Updates – which will change to toters being provided for businesses and pick up still seven days a week; merchants will be advised of the new process this week.

Ms. Hartley advised there was an extra bank savings account for the funds when transferred to the new bank and there is a service fee; it was recommended to close that account and merge into one checking account. Director Yasin motioned to close the inactive savings account; Director Gordon seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

Residential Target Market Analysis- Ms. Hartley is working on gathering info and provided one submittal received; board asked for staff to reach out to comparable cities for firm recommendations as they would like to have more than one option.

- b. Strategic Plan Update – Ms. Hartley advised for the fiscal year two items have been completed.

11. Chairman Items – None – Ms. Walker advised there is a scheduled clean up day for Evergreen Cemetery on March 18th @ 9am.
12. Adjourn – there being no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 5:48pm.

Approved 03.27.23