



**KENNESAW DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 8, 2020**  
**Virtual Zoom Meeting (Link Below)**  
**7:30 A.M.**

**Pursuant to Governor Kemp’s Executive Order Number 03.14.20.01 declaring a Public Health State of Emergency and in accordance with O.C.G.A. §50-14-1 et seq., as may be amended or extended, this public meeting is only being conducted via the use of real-time telephonic technology allowing the public simultaneous access to the public meeting.**

**The meeting may be accessed using the following link/call-in information:**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84897392957?pwd=Zk5qdFNDS2Ewb3BPSWFvb3FTUW4rZz09>

- I. Call to Order** Chair Mark Allen called the meeting to order at 7:31 am.
- a. Prior to continuing with the agenda, Mark Allen read the following statement: Pursuant to Governor Kemp’s Executive Order Number 03.14.20.01 declaring a Public Health State of Emergency and in accordance with O.C.G.A. §50-14-1, this public meeting is only being conducted via the use of Zoom, which is a real-time telephonic technology allowing the public simultaneous access to this public meeting. In addition, any vote taken during this meeting must be conducted by Roll Call Vote as required by Georgia law during this official state of Public Health Emergency.
  - b. Mark Allen conducted a roll call of the KDDA to record which members were on the Zoom meeting.
    - i. Mark Allen –present
    - ii. David Lyons – present (joined at 7:33 am)
    - iii. Gary Hasty – present
    - iv. Leslie Steinle – present
    - v. Chad Howie – present
    - vi. Britt Doss – present
    - vii. Anne Langan – present
  - c. Staff members present on the Zoom meeting: Miranda Taylor, Bob Fox, Luke Howe
- II. Approval of Minutes**
- a. 8.11.2020 Draft Meeting Minutes: Minutes reviewed by the board. Chad Howie made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Anne Langan. Roll Call vote taken: Mark Allen (yay), Gary Hasty (yay), Leslie Steinle (yay), Chad Howie (yay), Britt Doss (yay), Anne Langan (yay), David Lyons (abstain). Motion passed by a vote of 6-0-1.
- II. Announcements/Public Comment**
- a. Introduction of new Economic Development Director, Luke Howe. Welcome to the team, Luke!
- III. Financials**
- a. Financial Report: Leslie Steinle presented the financial report. Ending cash balance for 8.31.20 is \$8,232.46. Anne Langan made a motion to approve the financial report as presented; seconded by Gary Hasty. Roll Call vote taken: Mark Allen (yay), Gary Hasty (yay), Leslie Steinle (yay), Chad Howie (yay), Britt Doss (yay), Anne Langan (yay), David Lyons (yay). Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Old Business**
- a. Kennesaw Market Monday Recap: Mark Allen provided a KMM recap. The last market of the season was 8/24/20. Foot traffic had fallen off sharply after school started and farmers were running low on the typical products that bring shoppers to the market (tomatoes, peppers, corn). Overall it was a good season and the vendors were pleased that we were able to have a season.
  - b. Beer Festival Update: 2021 Date submitted to Events Committee. Tentative date is 4/24/2021. Events Committee will vote on the date at their October meeting. Atlanta Beer Festivals will handle notification to current ticket holders about the cancellation of the 2020 event. Ticket holders will have the option to transfer tickets to the 2021 event or request a refund. Staff will process refunds to sponsors this week.
  - c. SchoolHouse Village Investment Update: Staff continues to work with Sanctuary and legal on the investment status; no material update to share.

V. **New Business:** None

VI. **Board Comments**

- a. Mark Allen thanked Chad Howie for his work to get the plaza furniture repainted and weather-proofed. Lots of people have been enjoying the furniture since it was returned to the plaza. He also shared that the Kennesaw Crossing project (corner of Old 41 and Cobb Parkway) is really making great progress – the area doesn't even look the same anymore!
- b. Chad Howie inquired whether Parks & Recreation had an inventory/count of the old park benches that are in disrepair and the status of repair/removal. Bob Fox indicated he would request this information from the Assistant City Manager.
- c. Anne Langan reported that she is hearing concern from friends/neighbors regarding the number of apartments coming to downtown, the impact they will have on traffic, and what (if anything) can be done to keep them from becoming rented by a majority of KSU students. Anne wonders how the City could better share information on planned transportation improvements to alleviate these concerns. Chad Howie shared information about how developers are managing projects to both meet the needs of student housing and keep attainable housing stock available for non-student residents of Kennesaw. Anne also inquired whether we've seen a substantial number of businesses in downtown closing due to COVID-19; we haven't, and actually are seeing some new businesses proceeding with opening.
- d. Leslie Stenlie inquired on the status of the downtown tour dates that were mentioned at the last meeting. Staff will work on proposed dates and send them out.
- e. David Lyons asked for an update on Kennesaw's planned trail network and how it will connect different parts of the city.

VII. **Community Development Director Comments:** Bob Fox provided an update on the following projects:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Lewis House – both residential and commercial phases</li><li>b. Pritchard Park</li><li>c. Fullers Chase townhomes</li><li>d. Core Property Capital project</li><li>e. SchoolHouse Village</li><li>f. Apotheos Coffee/The 1808 Venue</li><li>g. Gus's Fried Chicken (Revival)</li><li>h. Horned Owl Brewery</li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Old Cherokee (which Chad advised will be renamed Galt Commons)</li><li>j. Old Whistle Stop/Vacant Lot (Main Street/J.O. Stephenson Ave)</li><li>k. Longleaf Building – law firm lease</li><li>l. Shared parking agreement w/ Apotheos</li><li>m. Road Abandonment of Keene St/Burel Ct</li><li>n. Depot Park</li><li>o. KSU Art/NEA grant application</li><li>p. New recreation center at Adams Park</li></ol> |
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VIII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION – Land, Legal, Personnel:** None

Pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. 50-14-3, the KDDA could, at any time during the meeting, vote to close the public meeting and move to executive session to discuss matters relating to litigation, legal actions and/or communications from the City Attorney as provided under O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(1); and/or personnel matters as provided under O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (4) and/or real estate matters as provided under O.C.G.A 50-14-3(6).

X. **ADJOURN:** With no further business to discuss, David Lyons made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Anne Langan. Roll Call vote taken: Mark Allen (yay), Gary Hasty (yay), Leslie Steinle (yay), Chad Howie (yay), Britt Doss (yay), Anne Langan (yay), David Lyons (yay). Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 am.

**NOTICE:** Any person who desires to appeal any decision from this meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and for the purpose may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. The Agenda is designed to make more efficient use of the KDDA's time. It is not designed to curtail discussion or input. If you need special accommodations to attend or participate in our meetings, please contact City Hall at least 24 hours in advance of the specific meeting you are planning to attend.

**The next scheduled meeting of the Kennesaw Downtown Development Authority will be 7:30 a.m. on October 13, 2020**