



**Downtown Development Authority
April 20, 2023**

A meeting of the Downtown Development Authority was called to order by Chairman Darrell Cox.

PRESENT: Melinda Taylor, Doug Young, Tom Conger, Sterling Widner, Brent Warr, Amanda Glover

VIRTUAL: N/A

ABSENT: Darrell Cox, Shae Brouillet

GUESTS: Crystal Hines, Randee Eubanks

Co-Chairman Widner called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. He also welcomed new board member Brent Warr.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL: Doug Young made a motion, seconded by Tom Conger, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the called March 16, 2023 meeting. Melinda Taylor made a motion, seconded by Tom Conger, and unanimously carried to approve the financials.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Glover updated website and social media accounts, worked with Key Advisors to update hotel feasibility study, and attended National Main Street Conference in Boston. One new business, Off the Hooka Cigar Bar, opened at 332 N Broad Street, and new tables/chairs were placed at the Water Street park-let.

NEW BUSINESS:

Design Services: Glover proposed the idea of offering a "percentage of" or "grant" the cost of design services as an incentive to potential developers to assist with façade improvement through Main Street Studio. Main Street Studio is owned by Carmine Fischetti, who once worked with the Georgia Main Street Design Department until state budget cuts. Discussion among the board steered toward the expense of renderings be left to the developer.

Georgia Cities Foundation (110 N Broad St): Doug Young made a motion, seconded by Tom Conger, and unanimously carried to authorize the receipt of a loan from the Georgia Cities Foundation for the acquisition and rehabilitation of 110 N Broad St.

Façade Grant application (332 N Broad Street): Sweet River Properties LLC (Rollins Miller) submitted a façade grant application to paint the front and side of 332 N Broad St. Total project cost is estimated to be \$2200. Tom Conger made a motion, seconded by Brent Warr, and unanimously carried to approve the façade grant for \$1100.

MISSION: To stimulate revitalization of Downtown Bainbridge by: supporting creative economic development endeavors; enhancing its historic appeal and creativity; endorsing its pride and promise; and embracing its diverse economy.