



**Downtown Development Authority
Minutes
July 21, 2022**

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

PRESENT: Darrell Cox, Doug Young, Tom Conger, Stacey Smith, Melinda Taylor, Amanda Glover, Randee Eubanks

VIRTUAL: N/A

ABSENT: Sterling Widner, Shae Brouillet

GUESTS: Dana Bryant, Jill Holloway, Travis Politakis

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL: Doug Young made a motion, seconded by Stacey Smith, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2022 meeting. Tom Conger made a motion, seconded by Doug Young, and unanimously carried to approve the financials.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: **Organization:** received \$1.2 million from Rural Downtown Redevelopment Grant for Phase III Chason Park expansion, and reapplying for Rural Zone designation, presented at Georgia Municipal Association conference "Entrepreneurial Friendly Cities," one-way street conversion to take place in August. **Promotion:** creating web based platform for downtown. **Economic Development:**

- Old Post Office: closing date extended to August 31, 2022
- Ritz Theatre: owners have received rough draft of floor plans
- Grollman Bldg (214 E Water St): applying for DDRLF

Design: Winecoff Memorial signage installed

NEW BUSINESS:

The board reviewed and discussed two proposals for the purchase and redevelopment of 125 Calhoun Street from Brent Warr and Bainbridge Development Group, LLC. The board instructed Glover to contact both parties to address closing date, provide expected date of completion, consider removal of contingencies, and to provide sketches/renderings of proposed project. By addressing the above items, the board instructed Glover to request each party to present their highest and best offer.

With there being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned.

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.