



**Downtown Development Authority  
May 18, 2023**

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

PRESENT: Darrell Cox, Shae Brouillet, Tom Conger, Sterling Widner, Brent Warr, Amanda Glover

VIRTUAL: N/A

ABSENT: Melinda Taylor, Doug Young

GUESTS:

Chairman Cox called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

**MINUTES AND FINANCIAL:** Sterling Widner made a motion, seconded by Tom Conger, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2023 meeting. Tom Conger made a motion, seconded by Brent Warr, and unanimously carried to approve the financials.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **GEMS MOU:** Glover reported the 2023-2024 MOU with the Georgia Main Street program has been signed by all parties. A couple of changes from previous years include all board members are required to have at least 2 hours of continuing education annually, and the DDA must meet a minimum of 12 times per year.
- **Clark Street improvements:** the project along Clark St is near completion. Currently waiting on the delivery of large planters, and for the pavers to be installed near the curb.
- **Security Cameras:** Glover is consulting with Sterling Widner following the meeting to install a security camera in the lobby of the Downtown Station.
- **Downtown Sound System:** The system remains down due to a shrill screeching noise when activated. Have not received technical help from the distributor.
- **Great American Main Street review:** The board viewed the video of one of the 2023 GAMSAs winners, Florence, SC, to see the similarities of the progress between Florence, SC and Bainbridge.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Director's Report:** Glover updated website and social media accounts, worked with Key Advisors to update hotel feasibility study, and presented at the Advanced DDA training in Athens, GA. Two new businesses opened- Bonnie Blue House at 402 W Water Street, and The Bronze Bar at 231 S Broad St.
- **Façade Grant:** Shae Brouillet, on behalf of Reeves Gifts, Jewelry & More, submitted a façade grant to replace the glass display windows and repair rotten window sills with a total project cost of \$5058. Shae Brouillet recused herself. Glover explained the project is eligible for \$2000 façade grant. Tom Conger made a motion, seconded by Brent Warr, and unanimously carried to approve \$2000 façade grant to Reeves.