

Downtown Development Authority of the City of Leesburg
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Authority members

Jim Quinn - Chairperson
Amanda White - Vice Chairperson
Veronica Johnson
Clint Faircloth Sheri Smith
Patricia Cannon Albert Manry

City Staff

Bob Alexander, City Manager
Bert Gregory, City Attorney

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Quinn called the meeting to order. The City Manager, City Attorney and all Authority Members were present except Authority members Cannon.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairperson Quinn asked for a motion to approve the minutes from June 26, 2024. Authority Member White made a motion to approve the minutes. Authority Member Manry seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

- (A) Milan Patel presented his preliminary concept of his development for mixed use development at 259 and 261 Walnut Ave South. Authority Member Smith made a motion to recommend to the Leesburg Council to approve the rezoning applications to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District). Authority Member Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was 5-1 in favor of the rezoning recommendation.
- (B) Sammy Smith with SS Concrete discussed the progress on the Walnut Building located at the intersection of Walnut Ave S and Putnam St. Authority Member Faircloth made a motion to leave the brick natural in the walkway between the buildings where DDD appliance used to be. Vice Chairperson White seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
- (C) City Manager Alexander discussed the Leesburg City Council approving the expansion of the Downtown Development Authority Boundaries for the purpose of future improvements and development.
- (D) City Manager Alexander discussed the need to update the current Downtown Master Plan. Authority Member Manry made a motion that the Downtown Development Authority recommend to the City Council updating the current Downtown Master Plan. Vice Chairperson White seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
- (E) City Manager Alexander presented a Resolution authorizing the receipt of a loan from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs under the Downtown Development revolving Loan Fund Program, authorizing the lending of such funds to Drake Properties of Southwest Georgia, LLC for the purpose and renovation of 103-A Walnut Ave, S. Authority Member Smith recused herself from discussion and vote. Authority Member Johnson made a motion to approve the Resolution.
- (F) City Attorney Gregory discussed the need for an update of Design Standard Ordinance for the Downtown Area. He is currently researching this and the ordinance update should be coordinated with the update of the Downtown Master Plan.
- (G) City Manager discussed an email from Chamber of Commerce President Lisa Davis on the Valdosta State Partnership with Leesburg Downtown Development.

4. **AUTHORITY MEMBER'S MATTER**

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

7. **PUBLIC FORUM**

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next scheduled meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2024 at 5:30 PM in the City Council Chambers.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chairperson White made a motion to adjourn. Authority Member Manry seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda May Change Without Notice