

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES
February 14, 2019

The Commercial Development Authority (CDA) of the City of Jacksonville met on February 14, 2019 at 5:30p.m.in the Public Safety Complex, 911 Public Safety Drive for a Called Meeting. Vice Chairperson Sumner called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.The following members were present: Josh Carlegis, Bruce Edmiston, Andy Green, Mike Hindman and Jason Sumner. Others present were: CityAdministrator Albertha Grant. The City Clerk Antonia R. Fanning was not present.

Adoption of Minutes.

A motion to adopt Minutes from January 10, 2019 was made by Andy Green, seconded Josh Carlegis. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. Motion carried.

Financial Report.

Bank statement dated 1/31/2019read and made part of Minutes.

Election of Chairperson.

Jason Sumner stated he was not interested in the Chairperson position; will run for City Council next year. Bruce Edmiston also was not interested and plans to roll off the Board when his time is up (will stay a couple of months, if necessary, to ensure a quorum). Bruce Edmiston nominated Andy Green, seconded Mike Hindman. Upon vote on the motion the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All, Nays: None. Andy accepted.

Façade Grant Update.

Stan Gowan discussed his plans for Heirloom Taco. It was stated that any changes to his original plan should come back to the Board for approval. A motion was made by Jason Sumner to accept his request and give conditional approval after confirming with the City Clerk that all conditions of the application process has been met and the Planning Commission approves his proposal next week. Motion was seconded by Mike Hindman.Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. Motion carried.

A discussion concerning whether signs should be included in the application process pursued and though no vote was taken it appears that more was in favor of leaving signs in as it is often an important and most expensive item in the requests.

Any Other Business:

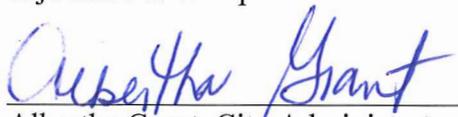
Andy Green gave an update on the Christmas Parade Food Truck Round Up. Two trucks participated; both were busy up to the parade and left immediately thereafter. While not a failure; did not consider it a huge success. Most are difficult to operate because of health department rules. Would not recommend doing again, especially if it takes away from local businesses.

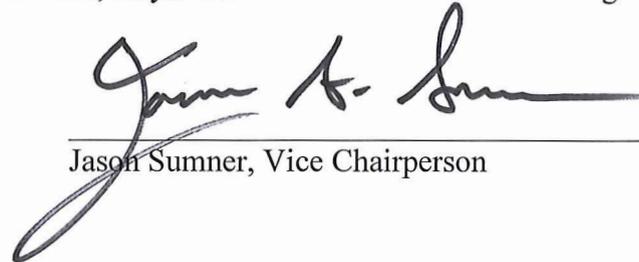
City Administrator, Albertha Grant, provided information on the Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program (HRSP). Timeline for submission may be too late for this FY (April 1, 2019); however, wanted members to be aware of the grant opportunity for future submission.

City Administrator stated she attended a meeting at the Chambers on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 which was a brainstorming session to identify potential projects that could be done in the opportunity zones. Anniston, Heflin and Jacksonville representatives were in attendance. Mark Stephens and Jennifer Green (of JSU) also in attendance. The two potential projects identified for Jacksonville included a multi-entertainment area on Mountain Street directly behind Grub Mart and a smaller scale hospital.

Jason Sumner mentioned the possibility of growing the Mountain "Echoes" Festival as a way to bring people out to support local business; event similar to Third Fridays on the Square. There was also discussion about advocating for a Farmer's Market building in the pocket park parking lot directly across for City Hall.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jason Sumner, seconded by Bruce Edmiston. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.


Albertha Grant, City Administrator


Jason Sumner, Vice Chairperson