



# DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

## OF THE CITY OF GRIFFIN, GEORGIA

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### MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 17, 2012

The July 17, 2012, meeting of the Downtown Development Authority was held in the Griffin Regional Welcome Center 8:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bruce Ballard.

**Attendance:** *Board members:* Bruce Ballard, Otis Blake III, Daniel Searcy, Joey Scanlon, Daa'ood Amin *Staff:* Drew Whalen, Adam Causey, Kira Harris-Braggs

*On a motion from Otis Blake, III, and a second by Joey Scanlon, and approved by Mr. Ballard, Mr. Blake, Mr. Searcy, Mr. Scanlon, and Mr. Amin, the minutes from the meeting held on June 19, 2012, were approved.*

#### **Chairman's Report:**

No report.

#### **Financial Reports:**

Mr. Causey reported on the financials from the Façade Grant account and Site/Building Acquisition account.

#### **DDA Director's Report:**

- *Façade Grant Program*  
Mr. Causey updated the Board about the Façade Program, and said there are several buildings that are interested but have not yet completed an application. Mr. Searcy suggested finding a way to replenish this fund without having to return to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Amin asked about the average cost of those applying for façade funds. Mr. Searcy suggested more publicity for the program with stories in area newspapers. Mr. Ballard suggested getting the investment dollars generated by the façade program together to present to the community.
- *Broad Street Block Plan*  
Mr. Causey notified the Board that an option for 130 West Broad Street was signed and he is working on one for 132 West Broad. Mr. Causey said he was attempting to get some language from the Griffin Housing Authority about the proposed partnership that would be required for the project to move forward.



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- *North Hill Street Corridor*  
Mr. Causey told the Board that survey crews would be working this month along North Hill Street on the intersection improvement plan. A traffic study for Hill Street in downtown will commence once school starts. Mr. Causey reminded the Board that the project includes streetscape improvements downtown and upgraded landscaping along the railroad corridor.
- *Old City Hall*  
Mr. Causey updated the Board on the progress of the old city hall property redevelopment. City staff is reviewing RFPs in response to the bid released last month, and a consultant will be selected in August with work to begin in September. Demolition of existing structures will take place once the Phase I/II reports are completed.

## Other Business

- *Main Street*  
Kira Harris-Bragg said the next Free Movie Friday event will be held July 20. Mrs. Harris-Braggs also reminded attendees that a survey related to the branding initiative was up on the city's website. She also said the museum assessment was underway at the Welcome Center.
- *Planning Department*  
Mr. Ballard mentioned the Griffin-Spalding Archives coming together at the Taylor Street Campus as cleanup was underway. Mr. Ballard asked about the construction activity going on at the old flour mill on West Broadway across the tracks from the Welcome Center. Mr. Causey said he would ask the Planning Department and get an answer. Mr. Blake asked if the landscaping in the new Kroger development would be better than what was installed at the Walmart site, and Mr. Causey answered that the landscape package approved for Kroger would be substantially better than any current commercial development in the city.



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*On motion by Otis Blake, III, second by Daa'ood Amin, and approved by Mr. Ballard, Mr. Blake, Mr. Searcy, Mr. Amin, and Mr. Scanlon, the DDA Board voted to enter into executive session pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6) to evaluate personnel.*

## Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted by:

ATTEST:

Bruce Ballard  
Chairman

Adam Causey  
Executive Director