



City of Lake Charles

Meeting of the Downtown Development Authority LDS

City Council Chambers – City Hall – 326 Pujot St

Monday Dec. 3, 2018 5:30 P.M.

DDA Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Chairman Mr. Chris Khoury

- Chairman Khoury asked for a Roll Call - Called by Beth Broussard
- In Attendance: Chair Chris Khoury, Dean Day, Chris Shearman, Jackie Simien, Dianna Ross
- Absent: Zita Jackson and Jacob Stutes
- Pledge of allegiance was said
- Approval of October 1, 2018 minutes by all members NO NOVEMBER MEETING

➤ **Chairman's Committee Reports**

Chairman Chris Khoury asked Mayor Hunter to please come to the podium to speak about Port Wonder. Mayor Hunter explained the work that had gone into Port Wonder and the cost and where the money was coming from. He was clear that Port Wonder is the beginning of the Lakefront development. It will be a family friendly project, locals and tourist of all ages will enjoy Port Wonder.

Director's Report: Ms. Marinovich

Resolution 2018-014

A RESOLUTION BY THE LAKE CHARLES DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY LAKEFRONT SUBDISTRICT ("DDA-LDS") TO ENDORSE IN AFFIRMATIVE PORT WONDER, WHICH WILL HOUSE THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF LAKE CHARLES AND THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES' SCIENCE CENTER FOR EDUCATION COMPLEX, WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT LAKEFRONT SUBDISTRICT.

Update on **ERDACE Development** – Ms. Marinovich stated the owners will be in on Wednesday for a tour. Some issues have occurred on Mill St with the utilities, they will be putting a new utility box. With issues the ERDACE projects is on schedule.

The Interstate Beautification – The Ryan Street section has been completed. The next phase is Hwy 171 interchange – Accepting bid now. This bid package will have a one year maintenance item.

Downtown Streetscape Mill & Division – Contracted to Mr. Jessen, It will coordinate with ERDACE completion, and the City will install the sidewalks on Mill and Division Streets. Will be similar to the Sanchez building on Clarence and Ryan St.

Lakeshore Dr. Multi-Use Trail –Rolling right along with this project, still on time line and should be completed early next year

Civic Center Shoreline Erosion Repair North Beach to Promenade- Maintenance project, as we look at the Lake front shoreline, we see a lot of erosion along the sidewalks. These need some repair jobs. We have actually created a capital project to take care of some of these needs.

Ms. Marinovich asked Mr. Dean Day to please give an update on the amphitheater at the civic center. Mr. Day said that to get the Amphitheater up to date with the power needed would be \$90,000.00. The grant rec'd was only \$25,000.00. He does feel that the City should go forward with this project. Lake Charles could lose a lot of venue's that would come to the city.

Downtown Business Assoc. Report – Sara Laser

Ms. Sara Laser had a Waysign update – The DBA is growing so the signs tend to keep updating. The CVB has given a grant for \$30,000.00 towards the project (PEG Project Enhancement Program) and Iron works by Josh will be building them. Everything is a go!

BeerFest – This year it will be moved to 1911 and the courthouse lawn. Kirby St will not be used. Beerfest is on March 9' 2019.

RESOLUTION 2018-012

A RESOLUTION BY THE LAKE CHARLES DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY LAKEFRONT SUBDISTRICT ('DDA-LDS') TO SUPPORT AND APPROVE GUIDELINES SUBMITTED BY LOUISIANA WINTER BEER FESTIVAL, LLC. RELATIVE TO THE EVENT LA WINTER BEER FEST, TO BE HELD SATURDAY MARCH 9, 2019.

Meet the Locals Video report - Jackie Simien

Ms. Simien gave an update on the Meet the Locals Series. City of LC to partner with SWLA Visitor's Bureau to produce the videos, Sean Ardoin has gotten involved and will have others Performing. The series will be available on YOUTUBE – please subscribe and share with others. Working on the final shoot.

St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl – Mr. Brian Pitre

Pub Crawling Safety this year. – Would like to do a road closure this year. This would Be from Kirby St. to Mill St. The proceeds have not been designated for this year as of Yet. This will be held Saturday March 16, 2019. Last year the attendance was over 600.

Resolution 2018- 013

A RESOLUTION BY THE LAKE CHARLES DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY LAKEFRONT SUBDISTRICT ("DDA-LDS") TO SUPPORT AND APPROVE GUIDELINES SUBMITTED BY DOWNTOWN HAPPY HOUR ROTARY RELATIVE TO THE EVENT PUB CRAWL, TO BE HELD SATURDAY MARCH 16, 2019.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday Jan. 7, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.

Chairman Khoury Adjourned meeting at 6:02 P.M.

Lori Marinovich, Executive Director
Development Authority, LDS
City of Lake Charles

Dianna Ross, Secretary/Treasurer
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