 City of Lake Charles

Meeting of the Downtown Development Authority LDS

City Council Chambers – City Hall – 326 Pujo St

Monday February 3, 2020 5:30 P.M

**DDA Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 5:43 P.M. by Chairman Chris Khoury

Chairman Khoury asked for a Roll Call - Called by Beth Broussard

* In Attendance: Vice- Chair Chris Shearman, Dean Day, Dianna Ross and Chairman Khoury
* Absent: Zita Andrus, Jacob Stutes and Jackie Simien
* Pledge of allegiance was said
* Approval of November 4, 2019 minutes by all members
* **Chairman’s Committee Reports**

Chairman Chris Khoury asked for Ms. Lori Marinovich to go over the first order of business, Ms. Marinovich announced all the Festivals for 2020. Presented the 5 resolutions:

**A RESOLUTION BY THE LAKE CHARLES DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY- LAKEFRONT SUBDISTRICT (“DDA-LDS”) TO SUPPORT AND APPROVE GUIDELINES SUBMITTED BY THE ARTS COUNCIL OF SWLA RELATIVE TO THE EVENT SPRING ART WALK, TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, APRIL 24th, 2020.**

Mr. Devon Corbello was in attendance to speak on Spring Art Walk. The area for the walk will remain the same as last year. Chairman Khoury ask for a vote – All commissioner’s in favor

**A RESOLUTION BY THE LAKE CHARLES DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY­ LAKEFRONT SUBDISTRICT ("DDA-LDS") TO SUPPORT AND APPROVE GUIDELINES SUBMITTED BY LOUISIANA BEER FESTIVAL, LLC. RELATIVE TO THE EVENT LA BEER FEST, TO BE HELD SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020.**

Ms. Sara Lasher was in attendance to speak on Louisiana Beer Fest. The name and Date of the Festival have been changed to where it is not so close to Mardi Gras. Everything else will remain the same. Mr. Dean Day also mentioned that the Pirate’s festival will be held May that weekend as well. Chairman Khoury ask for a vote – All commissioner’s in favor

**Downtown at Sundown** is scheduled for May 15th, 22nd, 29th and June 5, 2020. Mr Matt Young was not available to speak. Chairman Khoury as for a vote – All commissioner’s in favor

**A RESOLUTION BY THE LAKE CHARLES DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY- LAKEFRONT SUBDISTRICT (“DDA-LDS”) TO SUPPORT AND APPROVE GUIDELINES SUBMITTED BY DAVE EVAN RELATIVE TO THE EVENT CHUCK FEST, TO BE HELD SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 , 2020.**

Chuck Fest scheduled for Oct. 17, 2020. Mr. Dave Evans was not available to speak. Chairman Khoury ask for a vote – All commissioner’s in favor

**A RESOLUTION BY THE LAKE CHARLES DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY- LAKEFRONT SUBDISTRICT (“DDA-LDS”) TO SUPPORT AND APPROVE GUIDELINES SUBMITTED BY NATHANIEL ALLURED RELATIVE TO THE EVENT SMOKE AND BARREL, TO BE HELD SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 , 2020.**

Mr. Nathaniel Allured was in attendance to speak on Smoke and Barrel. All will stay about the same. Same great time as last year. Attendance was good last year and the Festival was able to donate $20,000.00 to the United Way Fund. Chairman Khoury ask for a vote – All commissioner’s in favor

**A RESOLUTION BY THE LAKE CHARLES DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY- LAKEFRONT SUBDISTRICT (“DDA-LDS”) TO SUPPORT AND APPROVE GUIDELINES SUBMITTED BY THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION RELATIVE TO THE EVENT MONTHLY ARTS MARKET, TO BE HELD MONTHLY 2020 IN TEN PIN ALLEY.**

Mr. Nick Villaume was in attendance to speak on The Monthly Art Market. This event will be help in the alley between the Immaculate Conception Cathedral and The Phoenix Building. As of now it is set for the 4th Saturday of every month in 2020. Chairman Khoury ask for a vote – All commissioner’s in favor

Ms. Marinovich announced all the areas that will be effected downtown during Mardi Gras.

**Gator Pond access: MGSWLA has been advised that this is NOT an option for staging in 2020.**

**Street vendors – Occupational permits issued to street vendors will be restricted from the Civic Center to Clarence Street No cart vendors allowed in this district ONLY SOUTH of CLARENCE**

**Barricades will be placed Downtown from Pine to Clarence Street on Thursday, 2/20, at Noon and will be locked together Friday until the conclusion of the Krewe of Krewes parade.**

**Public Meeting on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., City Council Chambers;**

**a. Distribute Do’s and Don’ts**

**b. Distribution of cardboard boxes for litter from Waste Management and City.**

Mr. Nick Villaume spoke on the growth of the Downtown Business Association. The meetings are every 2nd Wednesday of the Month and are held at noon at Panorama Music House. All business owners are invited. Mr. Villaume introduced Mr. Carl Ambrose into the Downtown Business Association.

Ms. Marinovich announced this was all on the agenda tonight.

Chairman Khoury adjourned meeting at 6:15.

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Lori Marinovich, Executive Director Dianna Ross, Secretary/Treasurer

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