



City of Lake Charles

Meeting of the Downtown Development Authority LDS

City Council Chambers – City Hall – 326 Pujo St.

Monday August 3, 2020 at 5:30 P.M.

DDA Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:32 P.M. by Ms. Dianna Ross

Ms. Ross asked for a Roll Call – Called by Beth Broussard

- In Attendance: Dean Day, Dianna Ross, Nick Villaume and Jackie Simien.
Absent Zita Andrus. Jacob Stutes and Chris Shearman
- Pledge of Allegiance was said
- Approval of the February 3, 2020 minutes. Mr. Day motioned to accept, Mr. Nick Villaume second the motion
- **Directors Report**

First on the agenda to vote for Officers – All nominated and voted on.

Secretary/Treasurer - Mr. Nick Villaume

Vice Chair – Mr. Dean Day

Chair – Ms. Dianna Ross

Ms. Marinovich asked Lieutenant Craig Wright to please come up to the podium to speak On the crime in Downtown Lake Charles. Lt. Wright has been tracking crime for 7 months In the Downtown area. Most crimes are guns being stolen from cars that are unlocked. In Southwest Louisiana, most people carry guns and criminals know this. There are a lot Of narcotic violations, those are mostly at the Civic Center or within the homeless population. One domestic battery, many speeding citations given mostly at the Civic Center. There has only been 27 crimes on this beat, which is low. Lt. Wright ask that anyone having a problem with The homeless are any other issues to call 491-1320, Community policing.

Dave Evans attended to give an update on Chuck Fest. Chuck fest was scheduled For Oct. 17, 2020. It has been canceled because of COVID. Chuck Fest is hoping to return 2021.

Nathaniel Allured attended to give an update on Smoke and Barrel. Smoke and Barrel Is on schedule for Nov. 21, 2020. Its 15 weeks away. As of now staying optimistic and planning to have it. Vice Chair Day made a suggestion, if they have to cancel, instead of giving refunds, Apply the money to the 2021 Smoke & Barrel. That way they will have a cash flow for 2021.

Nick Villaume gave an update on the Monthly art Market – It has been tabled. He also Gave a report on DBA. DBA is forming a new board and meets at the Panorama Music

House on the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

He also wants to get with LCPD to be able to track all the pan handling calls the Business owners in downtown Lake Charles are making to the Police Dept.

Chairperson Ms. Ross adjourned meeting at 6:02