

City of Lake Charles

Meeting of the Downtown Development Authority LDS

City Council Chambers – City Hall – 326 Pujo St.

Monday May 2, 2022 at 5:30 P.M.

**DDA Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 5:33 P.M. by Ms. Dianna Ross

Mrs. Ross asked commissioners, Staff and Public to please stand for The Pledge of Allegiance

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

* In Attendance: Dean Day, Dianna Ross, Nathaniel Allured, Sara Lasher

Absent: Jackie Simien, Zita Andrus and Jay Ecker

Approval of the April 4, 2022 minutes. Nathaniel Allured motioned to accept minutes, Dean Day 2nd the motion, all in favor.

* **Directors Report**

Ms. Marinovich update: Downtown at Sundown starts May 14 thru June 4.

This is Home Fest event on their 2nd year on May14th.

Mr. Dean Day gave update on 2022 Pirate Festival. Next year there will be some changes, permits mostly.

Revisit Event Guidelines, for all of our Festivals. All commissioners agreed that we have to have Guidelines easier for all our vendors, in state and out of state.

Sara Lasher asked Sara Judson to please attend meeting and update the Commissioners on “Just Imagine”.

Just Imagine has 10 new projects for Calcasieu Parish and Cameron Parish, named with intentions, looking to the future. The 10 projects include Coastal, waterfront development, mixed-income housing, Nellie Lutcher Dist., McNeese Dist., Chennault, Downtown, Community, Housing Toolkits, Redevelopment. Mrs. Judson explained the Bayou Greenbelt; Bayou Greenbelt is a 23-mile loop around Lake Charles. The Greenbelt will have public access to trails for walking, and running. Mrs. Judson asked that the DDA to please share the website.

* LINK : <https://justimagineswla.com/>

April 4, 2022 DDA meeting, Commissioner’s had a discussion on buying spirits on Sunday. All commissioners

Would like to see that law go away. A committee was selected to look into this law, the committee is

Nathaniel Allured to lead, Jay Ecker and Zita Andrus.

**Update:** Nathaniel has had meetings with the Mayor, City Administrator and the Chief of Police. As of now this

Project has been tabled.

Ms. Ross asked that the commissioners be more involved, to be there, to show up more. Let the people know

That the DDA exist. Relationships need to be built, not only community but to the administration.

DDA next meeting June 6, 2022

Ms. Ross adjourned the meeting at 6:41