



City of Lake Charles
Meeting of the Downtown Development Authority LDS
City Council Chambers – City Hall – 326 Pujoe St.
May 6, 2024, at 5:00 P.M.

1. Meeting called to order at 5:03 P.M. by Nathaniel Allured
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll call. Present: Zita Andrus, Jay Ecker, Derek Williams, Nathaniel Allured, and Matt Young. Absent: Dianna Ross
4. March 4, 2024, Minutes were motioned (Williams), seconded (Ecker), and approved.
5. None
6. Sgt. Scott Dougherty spoke to the Board regarding implementing bollards in the downtown area for street closures. Highlights: reduced labor costs, more successful to stop traffic compared to temporary barricades. Asked the Board to support incorporating installing traffic bollards in capital improvements. Public Works is currently working on a grant to offset the costs.
7. None
8. None
9. New Business:
 1. Resolution 2024-006 LDAP 2024-25 Lakefront Development Action Plan, recommendation to City Council to include Pedestrian Safety and Accessibility Enhancements at the Lakeshore Drive and Broad Street Intersection; Streetscape Improvements Patterned after Ryan Street Streetscapes:
 - a. Eastbound outside lane, commencing at the intersection of Broad Street and Lakeshore Drive, beginning at the 100 block, thence continuing through the 400 block to the intersection of Broad Street and Hodges Street.
 - b. Westbound and eastbound outside lanes, commencing at the intersection of Kirby Street and Ryan Street, extending through the 400 block to the intersection of Kirby Street and Hodges Street.
 - c. Northbound and southbound outside lanes of Ryan Street, beginning at the intersection of Mill Street and Ryan Street, extending northward to the intersection of Ryan Street and Belden Street.
 - A motion to approve was made by Derek Williams, Jay Ecker 2nd. All in favor
 2. Old Committee Disbandment & New Committee Appointments: Downtown Arts & Events Committee, Downtown Capital Improvements Committee, Downtown Business Recruitment & PR/Marketing Committee.
 - Jay Ecker Motioned to establish the committees as described in the Agenda, but defer appointment to a later date, Matt Young 2nd. All in favor
10. Staff Report:
 - a. 314 Broad Street String Lighting – Reported, Board requested structure that the lights attached to conform with the DDA aesthetic and construction be reviewed for safety.
 - b. Robert Goodson gave an update regarding the previous request by the Board to present a summary of the DDA Authority/Ordinances.

- c. Entergy: Mr. Goodson reported that Entergy will be doing infrastructure upgrades that may cause road closures. No report as to exact location or time but will notify stakeholders accordingly.

11. None

12. Board Member Comments: Nathaniel Allured reported that Green Coast Enterprises is waiting for the Federal Historic Tax Credit District to move forward for the 710 Ryan Street Project. A milestone will be in late July, with finalization being in the late 3rd or 4th quarter. When an official map is produced, the Board will receive a copy.

Doug Burguières updated the Board that talks will begin for the demolition of the Capital One Tower. A contract has been awarded by the Hertz Group already.

13. Jay Ecker motioned to adjourn – Zita Andrus 2nd the motion. All in favor

- a. Meeting adjourned 5:52 PM

Robert N. Goodson
Downtown Development Authority (LDS)
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Jay Ecker, Secretary
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