

**Redevelopment Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 7, 2019
Greenville, North Carolina**

Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judy Wagner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Howard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Martin Tanski
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michele Connors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sharif Hatoum	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AJ Jacobs	<input type="checkbox"/> Alan Brock	

Absent:

<input type="checkbox"/> Judy Wagner	<input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Howard	<input type="checkbox"/> Martin Tanski
<input type="checkbox"/> Michele Connors	<input type="checkbox"/> Sharif Hatoum	
<input type="checkbox"/> AJ Jacobs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alan Brock	

Staff:

<input type="checkbox"/> Will Bell (City Council Liaison)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charles Hayes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kenneth Graves	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betty Moseley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emanuel McGirt	<input type="checkbox"/>

I. Welcome

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of meeting minutes from February 5, 2019 and March 7, 2019

Motion was made by Ms. Connors and seconded by Mr. Hatoum to approve the meeting minutes for February 5, 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Hatoum and seconded by Mr. Jacobs to approve the meeting minutes for March 7, 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Conveyance of two Redevelopment Commission-owned properties to the City of Greenville

Mr. Graves introduced Mr. Charles Hayes, Consultant for the Office of Economic Development.

The Redevelopment Commission is currently in possession of two lots on Evans Street, commonly referred to as the Hammock Lot. In 2009/2010, the owners of the structure residing on these lots, had the building demolished. In 2011, RDC purchased the property for redevelopment as office use. Since then, the parking deck has been constructed behind it, and the property is being used as ingress/regress. One parcel is 2,100 square

feet, and lot two is about 6,000 square feet. Some of the development inquiries have included outdoor dining opportunities, or mixed use building. The City wants to make this property shovel ready. Staff is requesting the Redevelopment Commission to adopt a resolution conveying this property to the City. Statute supporting this resolution is 160A-274A.

Motion was made by Mr. Hatoum and seconded by Mr. Tanski to convey the property located at Evans Street to the City of Greenville. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Small Business Plan Competition Winner's Presentations M Pourium, LLC, Molly's Community Cafe

Ms. Wagner congratulated the winners of the Small Business Plan Competition, M Pourium, LLC and Molly's Community Cafe.

Mr. Andrew Moss presented for M Pourium, LLC. He gave an overview of the origins of M Pourium. The idea for the business started about one year ago which included 52 self-serve craft beers on tap and a wine shop. They opened for business last weekend and feel there has been a lot of support from the Dickinson Avenue community.

Mr. Howard stated that the work sure was fast. Last week it was just a gutted building.

Ms. Molly Cashion represented Molly's Community Café. The café is still under construction. Anticipated opening date is about June or July. They have had an issue with the food vent, but caught it early so it should be corrected soon. The café will be open seven days a week for breakfast and lunch. Tea will be served in the evenings. Fridays will be pancakes for students, and Sundays will be karaoke with beer and wine selections.

All the commission members offered both businesses congratulations.

VI. A Time for Science Update

Mr. Graves gave an update for A Time for Science, located on Dickinson Avenue. The City leases the property to the organization. They are currently supported by various grants, and other fundraising activities. They have been a major asset to the community.

Ms. Wagner stated that the success of A Time for Science will alleviate prior issues with the former tenant.

Mr. Graves stated that we will see more art opportunities in the future.

VII. Uptown Theatre Update

Mr. Graves stated that the state theatre has received their c/o for business. All of their breach of contract fees have been paid. The theatre is up and running and is deemed a valuable asset to the community.

Ms. Connors asked if are they were operating at full capacity.

Mr. Graves responded yes, initially they had a limited occupancy, but now they are at full capacity.

VIII. Commission Members Comment Period

Mr. Thomas asked if RDC is relieved of its responsibilities with the state theatre since it is at full capacity.

Mr. Graves stated that based on funding they received; the City will continue to monitor their progress. The RDC has completed its role for the theater.

Mr. Graves introduced the four City Manager's Office interns.

IX. Public Comment Period

No comments were received.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr. Hatoum and seconded by Ms. Connors to adjourn the Redevelopment Commission at 5:50 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on file

Ken A. Graves,
Assistant City Manager