



**City of East Point
Monthly Meeting Summary
Business and Industrial Development Authority**

Thursday, January 9th, 2020
1526 East Forrest Ave., Suite 400
East Point, GA 30344
6:30 pm

I. Call to order

Chairperson, Ms. Dharman, established a Call to Order of the East Point Business and Industrial Development Authority (BIDA) meeting at 6:30 pm.

Board Members Present:

Tina Dharman (Chair), Steven Rodgers, Krisite Jackson, Jackie Slaughter-Gibbons, Brittany Byrom, Norman Urquhart, Joseph Johnson.

Others Present:

Maceo Rogers (Director of Economic Development), Regina Carter (Secretary/Treasurer), Kirby Glaze (Legal Counsel), Nyomi Haynes (Recording Secretary).

II. Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Urquhart motioned to approve the adoption of the agenda. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. **Approved unanimously, the motion carried.**

III. Approval of the Meeting Summary from the following meeting: *November 7th, 2019 summary*

Mr. Urquhart motioned to approve the synopsis. Mr. Johnson Urquhart seconded the motion. **Approved unanimously, the motion carried.**

IV. Chairperson's Report

Ms. Dharman informed the board that she has a meeting with the city manager tomorrow, and asked the board if they would be willing to do a retreat with the Downtown District Authority and City Manager. Ms. Jackson said she was in favor of the retreat.

Mr. Rogers explained that the retreat is to address concerns with both authorities inducing projects. The East Point City Council had some concerns about the inducements done previously; especially the Porsche project. Earlier this year, there were closed sessions with the council about the nature of the projects and the amount. Moving forward, they would like to have a

communications protocol in place to alleviate a lot of the questions and concerns that they have.

Ms. Dharman then asked the board if there was any items they would like to discuss at this retreat.

Ms. McClure requested that there be an unaffiliated facilitator and share an established agenda prior to setting the dates for the retreat.

Mr. Rodgers recommended that legal counsel join the chairperson for tomorrow's meeting.

Ms. McClure asked who is D.D.A's legal counsel and Mr. Rogers replied that they do not have one currently.

Ms. Dharman asked the board if they would consider putting the check from the city and any future excess money into an interest bearing account. Ms. Jackson motioned to open an interest bearing account. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

V. Secretary/Treasurer Report

The Bank reconciliation entered into record. Ms. Carter shared the payment from the city should be deposited next month.

VI. Legal Report

Mr. Glaze shared that the Fulton Daily Report did not run the advertisement for the bond validation proceedings and it tampered with the bond schedule. Mr. Glaze then had to refile the the bond validation proceedings , and the hearing is set for Jan 21st 2020, and there is no closing date set yet, but it usually ensues the week after.

Ms. Dharman asked if we were compensated for this inconvenience and Mr. Glaze responded no but the board was also not paying for the ad.

VII. Old Business

None

VIII. New Business

Ms. McClure nominated Brittany Byrom for the position of vice chair. Mr Johnson seconded the nomination. The motion passed.

Mr. Urqhart motion to retain the remaining officers as listed. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

IX. Director's Report

Mr. Rogers submitted the MLU to the tax assessors, is trying to get their calendar for the end of January. He has to make them a presentation to them for Project Boss.

Lidl – (a german grocer) is considering making a hundred million dollar investment in the neighborhood, they are considering the Tri-Cities and Jonesboro areas. Mr. Rogers is going to set up some tour dates in East Point, and recommended the commons and the land next to the BP Gas station off 166 highway and main st. Lidl is looking at three cities, and Mr. Rogers mentioned that they could put a store in each one but he believes that is unlikely to happen. Lastly, they are looking to build a new grocery store.

Mr. Johnson shared they have 26 stores in the country and 19 of those stores are located in Florida.

Ms. Jackson asked how this will affect the Commons and Ms. Dharman replied it would take up the whole space. Ms. Jackson then continued that the board should use the aforementioned retreat to get the city's support for this project.

Mr. Johnson asked who is the real estate manager but Mr. Rogers did not know.

Ms. McClure then asked if there were any efforts to get nice restaurants into our downtown?

Mr. Rogers responded that they are working on getting more restaurants, and had Nippy's (a seafood restaurant), but putting a new grease trap took their entire budget.

Ms. Dharman added that all the space in East point's downtown is privately owned and not set up for restaurants. Mr. Johnson contributed that College Park owns all their downtown spaces so they can facilitate those grease traps.

Ms. Dharman then wanted to know if the Mosley's across from the Walgreens get purchased. Mr. Rogers responded yes but the new owners do not know what to do with it yet.

Ms. Dharman then asked if the City of East Point has parking minimums?

Mr. Rogers responded that there are parking minimums in our zoning, but they are trying to max out in this mixed use project.

Ms. McClure asked since the population of the city is now 37,000 do we qualify to be an entitled city ? Mr. Johnson said no, it was raised to 50,000. Ms. Slaughter-Gibbons shared that the census takers are not correctly counting residents, they are going by zip-code and have mislabeled some of East Point's property as another city's.

X. Executive Session

Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm following a unanimous adoption of a motion made by Ms. McClure, seconded by Mr. Urqhart. **Approved unanimously, the motion carried.**