



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

Thursday, October 4, 2018

3121 Norman Berry
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 6:34 pm.

Board Members Present:

Tina Dharman (Chairperson), Steven Rodgers, Jackie Slaughter-Gibbons, Margaret McClure, and Kristin Pritz

Staff Present:

Kirby Glaze (Legal Counsel), Maceo Rogers (Director of Economic Development), Rhonda Appleby (Secretary-Treasurer), Nyomi Haynes (Recording Secretary), and Regina Carter (Economic Development Specialist)

Guests Present:

Sanjay Patel (Soccer in the Streets Organization)

II. Adoption of Agenda

Ms. McClure motioned to approve the printed agenda. Mr. Rodgers seconded the motion. **Approved unanimously, the motion carried.**

III. Approval of the Meeting Summary from the following meeting:

September 6, 2018 meeting summary.

Ms. Pritz motioned to approve the summary. Ms. McClure seconded the motion. **Approved unanimously, the motion carried.**

IV. Chairperson's Report

None reported.

V. Secretary/Treasurer Report

a. Compensation for the Commons properties

Ms. Appleby informed the board that she was still in the process of processing the compensation payment. Once received, Ms. Appleby will deposit the check into BIDA's checking account. Ms. Appleby also stated that she received a check from Kiki Productions in the amount of \$2400.00 for film crew parking at the Commons.

Mr. Glaze stated that he spoke with the City Attorney regarding the “mechanics” of the Land Agreement. He added that the City was considering an Intergovernmental Agreement, which may require action from BIDA and the City.

VI. Legal Report

a. Follow up of quit claim deed for 2797 Main Street

Mr. Glaze stated that he and the City Attorney have not located the original quitclaim deed. The City Attorney sent him a copy of the signed deed; however, it appears that the original deed was never filed. Mr. Glaze will execute another filing of the deed if the original deed is not found.

VII. Presentation by Sanjay Patel (Soccer in the Streets)

Mr. Rogers introduced Mr. Patel to the Authority. Mr. Patel stated he wants East Point to be their next soccer site. The property at 2797 Main Street (across from the East Point MARTA Station) was identified as an ideal location. The Soccer in the Streets (SITS) organization receives 50% of its funding from the Arthur Blank Foundation, whereas, the other 50% matching funds comes from public or private sources. The Five Points MARTA Station has an active soccer field. Currently, SITS is in the process of constructing a soccer field at the West End MARTA Station. With the East Point site, the organization was hoping that the City would match the Arthur Blank Foundation’s grant amount.

Mr. Patel stated that SITS recently won a national grant; therefore, the next four (4) MARTA soccer stations selected by the organization would be recipients of grant monies. In order to utilize MARTA, a portion of the grant monies will be used to purchase free MARTA passes for the soccer players. The organization was in the process of starting a “League of Stations” where ten (10) MARTA soccer stations would compete against each other.

Ms. Dharman asked if the organization has applied for Southwest Airlines’ Southwest Community Grant. Mr. Patel replied that, in the future, the organization would look at all branches of funding sources.

Ms. McClure inquired why SITS was on the agenda each month since the same information is presented monthly. Ms. Dharman stated that the matter must be on the agenda until the City clears the process. Mr. Glaze added that until the Lease Agreement is cleared and the plans approved, the matter must be continually placed on the agenda. Mr. Patel stated he did not want to enter into a lease agreement without funding support from the City. Ms. McClure felt that until all legal matters have been resolved, the board did not need to place the matter on the agenda on a continual basis.

VIII. New Business

a. Allocation of money in 2019

In Mr. Johnson's absence, Ms. Dharman highlighted Mr. Johnson's position on the board having money in reserve. Ms. Dharman agreed with Mr. Johnson's position on the matter. Ms. McClure stated that in the past, the Authority has never had any money in reserves because they have had to pay for expenses that she felt was the City's obligation.

Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting properly adjourned at 7:05 pm following a unanimous adoption of a motion made by Mr. Pritz and seconded by Ms. McClure.

Approved unanimously, the motion carried.