



**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
FEBRUARY 12, 2026  
MILNER

Rickman called the meeting to order at 8:32am and welcomed members, city staff, and guests. Members present: DJ Rickman, Megan Watters, Nika Cooper, David Clonts, Keith Beauchamp, Eric Tant, Pam Powers-Smith. City staff present: Suzanne Roberts, Jennifer DeBord, Megan Patrick, and Kelley Ledford. Guests present: Kristi Kent

**ACTION**

**Approve January 2026 Minutes** - Tant made motion to approve, Beauchamp seconded. All were in favor.

**Approve Financials** - Roberts explained that Truist and Synovus accounts are now closed and everything is going through finance department. Rickman made motion to approve, Tant seconded. All were in favor. Ledford went over BID budget and she explained that it can be amended with a vote if need be. Watters made motion to approve BID budget, Beauchamp seconded. All were in favor.

**Officer Elections** - Roberts went over the roles and projected candidates—Rickman as president, Beauchamp as vice president, Tant as treasurer, Hollingsworth as secretary. Watters made a motion to approve, Clont seconded. All were in favor.

**Parking Deck Tourism mural** —Kent went over the proposed design and location and discussed how there was no cost to DDA. Watters made motion to approve mural, Clonts seconded. All were in favor.

**DISCUSSION**

**Sidewalk Ordinance** - Roberts went over why it had been tabled and discussed all that staff had been doing to get the word out. The design meeting on 2/26 will be an open forum at Sam King for discussion. Clonts suggested instead of telling tenants they were in violation maybe going to landlord directly. Ledford explained that if we make no changes, it can be voted on March 9 and if we do, it must go back to commission twice.

**Strategic Planning Meeting**—Roberts went over the dates. They will be 3/10 and 3/11.

**June 5<sup>th</sup> First Friday**—Roberts and Ledford discussed the conflict with the dates for First Friday. The forum is hosting a big concert that Friday, 6/5 and wants DDA to move First Friday to 6/6 or move the location. Board discussed and decided to move the date. Discussed having a block party style event with a car show. Patrick will talk to booked bands to see if they can reschedule.

Respectfully submitted,  
Megan Patrick  
Recording Secretary