

## METAIRIE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

DATE: Friday, August 4, 2023

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Lakeside Mall Offices, 3100 Veterans Memorial Blvd

(Office is located on the second floor in the Chang's wing. It really is pretty easy to find. It is only us, JD Edwards and the dental center. I typically direct people to our office as follows:

If you enter at the PF Changs entrance, you will see a set of stairs. Office is located immediately to the left at the top of the stairs. There is an elevator located between MAC and Blink if you would prefer.)

## **AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Confirmation of Quorum Andrew W, Joseph R, Tommy C, Brian L, Mel G, Charles S, Dana P
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Approval of Minutes from 04/17/2023 and 06/12/2023 Motion Mel G, Second Barry B
- V. Approval of April, May and June Financial Statements Motion Barry B, Second Mel G
- VI. Dana Brown 17th Street Corridor
  - a. Approve the next phase of project collect construction bids Vote Needed
  - **b.** Board agreed to remove the cost of the entry sign from the project, not needed at this time
  - c. Authorize chairman to execute the next phase of contract with Dana Brown and Associates with approval of the executive committee, Motion - Charles S, Second - Brian L
  - d. Accept the opinion of probable cost of \$288,470 with a portion paid by Lakeside and 20% contingency, Motion Charles S, Second Mel G
- VII. Budget Amendment

a. Approve amended budget for 2023 - Motion - Andrew W, Second - Mel G

- VIII. Council or Parish Items
  - a. Fat City Development Plans CEA Update
    - i. Councilwoman Jennifer VanVrancken presented a powerpoint regarding the updated renderings for the EAT Fat City center
    - ii. Vision still includes coworking spaces and business partners involved in the final space
    - iii. Regarding the CEA with MBDD and Jefferson Parish for land parcels and potential swaps, the next revision of the CEA had been sent to the MBDD that morning so no review was done at the time of the meeting



- b. CEA Update for the 17th Street Corridor
  - i. CEA had been sent to the MBDD and the MBDD attorney will review
  - ii. Next meeting there would be a motion for the chairman to execute the CEA and the MBDD can pull down the money then
- c. Street Sweeper
  - i. District 5 would look into trying to update the schedule to include a more regular pass by the street sweeper through Fat City
- IX. Director Report
  - a. W. Esplanade Mural Project Update
    - i. Murals have been installed, the high schools would wait until after the new year gets underway before trying to do a ribbon cutting with District 5, Entergy and MBDD
  - b. Legal Update Public Records Request
    - i. The MBDD was served with a records request and all agendas and minutes requested were turned over to Jefferson Parish attorney for their inclusion in the records request.
- X. New Business
- a. Philip Rebowe came to speak on behalf of the Arts Foundation
- b. The potential for an Arts Annex with Jefferson Community Foundation, Building Hope and JEfferson Parish was discussed
- c. Next steps would be a feasibility study of which 2 companies had been identified to produce the study
- d. Following steps would be budget/proforma and then a new non-profit would be set up to fundraise
- e. MBDD board motioned The MBDD would support the movement of an Arts Annex in Fat City, Motion Brian L, Second Joseph R
- XI. Adjournment

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