

City of Lake Charles

Meeting of the Downtown Development Authority LDS

City Council Chambers – City Hall – 326 Pujo St.

April 3, 2023 at 5:30 P.M.

**DDA Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 5:34 P.M. by Mr. Jay Ecker

Asked commissioners, Staff and Public to please join in saying The Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Ross asked for a Roll Call – Called by Beth Broussard

* In Attendance: Dianna Ross, Nathaniel Allured, Jay Ecker, Anna Strider,

Zita Andrus and Derek Williams

Absent: Jackie Simien

Approval of the March 6. 2023 minutes, Nathaniel motioned to accept, Jay Ecker 2nd the motion

* **Director Report – Crying Eagle Resolution 2023-014**

Ms. Marinovich introduced Doug Burguieres, Director of Planning to discuss the Crying Eagle Resolution 2023-014. Resolution was approved with conditions by the DDA. Then sent to Planning and Zoning. The Crying Eagle resolution, the Crying Eagle Group were not ok with the conditions, so they have appealed to the Lake Charles City Council.

**Resolution 23-016 - Modular Building at 1112 North Lakeshore Drive, Doyle Hines Lakefront Development District**

Doug Burguieres introduced Res. 23-016. The fence company would like to put a temporary building on the property. The resolution is to grant the building so when the construction on the bridge begins it can be moved, instead of a permanent building that would have to be demolished. Resolution was amended and voted on, all in favor.

Approved the Minutes from DDA meeting on March 6, 2023.

Nathaniel discussed Resolution 23-015 LDAP Design and Funding of New Capital Projects

* **Lakefront Boardwalk** connecting Veteran’s Park and extending through the Lakefront Development tracts to the Yacht Club is a priority to enhance connectivity, provide amenities and create opportunities for the Lake frontage to be established for development connectivity. Funding opportunities are Land and Water Conservation Funds, LTAP and Capital Outlay
* **Lakeshore Drive Multi-Use Trail Phase 2** , West sidewalk from Broad to Bord Du Lac Drive, North along Lakeshore Drive to Veteran’s Memorial; Funding resource LTAP program, Capital Outlay
* **Intersection Improvements on Lakeshore Drive** at Pujo Street, Broad Street and Mill Street to enhance pedestrian crossings Funding resource LTAP program, Funding resource MPO, LTAP
* **Broad Streetscape from Lakeshore Drive to Kirkman Street**. Scope to include streetscape patterned after Ryan Streetscape includes pedestrian improvements and amenities, ADA connections, Utilities and lighting upgrades; bump outs for increased On-street Parking and Traffic Calming using the City’s adopted Complete Streets themed development concept. Funding resource LTAP, City Bond Program
* **Request a Parking inventory and plan**, which includes recommendations and phased implementation / management plan which includes pedestrian corridors and improvements. Funding source MPO

Nathaniel would also like to add a line item on the Resolution. To repair the boardwalk from

From Crying Eagle to Veterans park. Will add from Veterans park through North Beach.

Motion to move forward on Res. 23-015 – All in favor

Nathaniel is also working on artwork for downtown. A sign that would be seen coming into Lake Charles. All in favor

Jay Ecker gave update on DBA. Mixer at Luna’s, last mixer was Very successful. Board meeting

At 2:00. Attended the Louisiana Downtown Assoc. Great meeting, talked about Grants.

Derek Williams gave an update on Map that he and Josh are working on. There are Thirty-Four (34) Businesses. Twenty (20) of the businesses will get the entire treatment. Still many things to

Be determined.

Mr. Jay Ecker adjourned meeting at 6:20 pm