



**MINUTES OF THE DOWNTOWN MEMPHIS COMMISSION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Friday, February 27, 2015
12:00 P.M.
114 North Main Street**

Board Members Present: Chairman Bob Lundy, Mr. Carl Person, Ms. Sharon Leicham (via conference), Mr. Ernest Strickland, Ms. Terry Woodard, Ms. Deni Carr Reilly, Representative Barbara Cooper, Mr. Rick Copeland (for Mayor Luttrell), Mr. George Little (for Mayor Wharton), Councilman Bill Boyd, Mr. Al Lyons, Mr. Isaac Northern and Mr. George Shadrouti

Board Members Not Present: Commissioner Van Turner and Ms. Bobbi Gillis

Staff Present: Mr. Paul Morris, Ms. Christine Taylor, Mr. Jim Street, Ms. Leslie Gower, Mr. Jaske Goff, Mr. Brett Roler, Mr. Jerome Rubin, Ms. Dawn Vinson, Mr. Larry Chan and Lisa Brumleve

Guests: Mr. Carlos Bibbs, Mr. Greg Maxted, Mr. Wayne Risher, Mr. Roderick DeBerry and Ms. Joyce Selina Love

Call to Order

Chairman Lundy called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM

Chairman Lundy called for agenda item II: Approval of Minutes

Mr. Carl Person made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on November 20, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mr. Al Lyons. The motion unanimously approved by the Board.

Chairman Lundy called for agenda item III: Chair's Report

Chairman Lundy updated the board on affiliated board actions. Mr. Jaske Goff updated the board on several Downtown development projects.

Chairman Lundy called for agenda item IV: Big River Strategic Initiative

Mr. Paul Morris introduced Mr. Greg Maxted to present the Big River Strategic Initiative to the board. The Big River Strategic Initiative (BRSI) is creating an official National Geographic Society Geotourism Destination. Mr. Maxted answered several board questions after his presentation.

Chairman Lundy called for agenda item V: Diversity Report

Mr. Jaske Goff presented the Diversity report to the board.

Chairman Lundy called for agenda item VI: Nominating Committee Report

Chairman Lundy updated the board on the nominating committee recommendations for the Design Review Board. The committee recommended the reappointment of Mr. Ray Brown and the appointment of Ms. Joyce Selina Love as a new member. The committee also suggested a change to DRB bylaws to add an alternate board member position. The committee recommended that Mr. Roderick DeBerry be appointed as the DRB alternate member. The committee recommendations were unanimously approved by the Board.

Chairman Lundy called for agenda item VII: Financial Report

The financial report was presented by Mr. Jim Street.

Chairman Lundy called for agenda item VIII: President's Report

DMC department reports were given by Ms. Leslie Gower and Mr. Jerome Rubin for each of their respective departments.

Mr. Paul Morris read a letter from Board member Sharon Leicham thanking DMC staff for their help regarding neighborhood blight.

Mr. Paul Morris also informed DMC board members that he has submitted his resignation letter and will be leaving DMC later in the year to join his family business, Jack Morris Auto Glass. Chairman Bob Lundy and Vice Chair Carl Person both thanked Paul for his service with DMC.

Chairman Lundy said a search committee will be formed to find a successor, looking both locally and nationally.

Chairman Lundy called for agenda item IX: New Business/ Adjournment

With no new business, the meeting was adjourned.