



**MINUTES OF THE  
MEMPHIS CENTER CITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
114 North Main Street  
Memphis, TN 38103**

**Wednesday, May 20, 2020**

**Due to the declarations of a State of Emergency by the President of the United States, the Governor of Tennessee, and the Mayor of Memphis relating to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the CCDC has determined that it is necessary that the meeting be conducted by electronic or other means of communication in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public, DMC staff, and CCDC applicants. This meeting of the CCDC was held via Zoom virtual meeting. Board members participated by phone with all materials made available to them as well as the public in advance. Procedures were in place to identify all participants on the call including members of the public and allow for questions and public comment.**

**Board Members Present (via conference):** Michael Chance, Sharon Leicham, Anton Mack, Ray Brown, Julie Lansky, Carl Person, Deni Reilly and Terry Woodard

**Board Members Absent:** Benjamin Orgel

**DMC Staff Present:** Jennifer Oswalt, Christine Taylor, Brett Roler, Penelope Springer, Penelope Huston, Erik Stevenson, Jaske Goff, Katie Flynn and Abram Lueders.

**Guests (via conference):** Charles Carpenter (Legal Counsel), James Stokes, Jason Jackson, Corbin Carpenter, Ellen Eubank, Wendy Hood, Tyrone Currie and Desiree Stennett

Chairman Chance determined that a quorum was present, and the meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. Christine Taylor called roll for board members, staff and attending guest. After reviewing meeting protocols, Chairman Chance called for approval of the minutes from April 15, 2020 & April 20, 2020 CCDC meetings. Sharon Leicham motioned to approve the April 15, 2020 minutes as presented, Carl Person seconded the motion, after roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Anton Mack motioned to approve the April 20, 2020 minutes as presented, Ray Brown seconded the motion, after roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item III: Financial Report**

Penelope Springer presented the April 2020 Financial report and highlights.

**Agenda Item IV: South City Good Neighborhood Grant Applications**

Katie Flynn gave a brief overview of the South City Good Neighborhood Grant Program. The program is in partnership with HUD to help property owners and businesses in South City to make exterior improvements to restore character and enhance curb appeal.

**645 East Georgia Avenue (Paradise Entertainment Center)**

Katie Flynn presented the grant request for 645 East Georgia Avenue (Paradise Entertainment Center). The applicant is planning exterior improvements to the building and site including exterior painting, exterior signage, new windows & doors, landscaping, exterior lighting, new awning, new ADA ramp & rail, parking-lot renovations. Applicant Tyrone Currie was present to answer any questions. Ray Brown made a motion to approve the grant request for up to \$50,000, Anton Mack seconded the motion, after roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**540 South BB King Blvd. (Tom Martin's Body Shop)**

Katie Flynn presented the grant request for 540 South BB King Blvd. (Tom Martin's Body Shop). The applicant is planning exterior improvements to the building and site including new exterior lighting, exterior painting, tuck-pointing/masonry, new awnings, new signage, sidewalk repair, door repair/replacement. Sharon Leicham made a motion to approve the grant request for up to \$50,000, Deni Reilly seconded the motion, after roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item V: Forgivable Loan Program Activity**

Brett Roler updated the board on the recent activity of the forgivable loan program. 46 loans were approved, a total of \$260,000. allocated to support Downtown businesses. 29 of the 46 applicants were WMBE businesses. Committee members commented that they were happy to serve on the committee and everyone is pleased with the outcome. A big thanks goes out to committee members, board counsel Charles Carpenter and DMC CFO Penelope Springer for all their hard work.

**Agenda Item VI: Other Business/Presidents Report**

Jennifer Oswalt updated board on DMC activity.

**Agenda Item VII: Adjournment**

Seeing no further business, the meeting was adjourned.