



MINUTES OF THE DOWNTOWN MEMPHIS COMMISSION

Thursday, June 29, 2023, 9 AM
114 North Main Street

Board Members Present: Benjamin Orgel (Chair), Demar Roberts (Vice Chair), Elizabeth Low (Secretary), Williams Brack (Treasurer), John Zeanah (for Mayor Harris), Julie Ellis, Ed Stephans III, Councilwoman Cheyenne Johnson, Lauren Stimac, Cheryl Pesce, and Victoria Young

Board Members Not Present: Ashley Cash (for Mayor Strickland), Deni Reilly, Commissioner Mickell Lowery, and Senator Raumesh Akbari

Staff Present: Paul Young, Christine Taylor, Penelope Springer, Penelope Huston, Sara Barrera, Lawrence Green, Tori Haliburton, Lauren Bermudez, and Abe Lueders

Guests: Constance Brown, and a Member of the Public

Chairman Benjamin Orgel called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM. Christine Taylor called roll for board members present to confirm quorum. Chairman Orgel called for approval of the April 28, 2023, minutes. Demar Roberts motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Williams Brack seconded the motion, after roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Benjamin Orgel called for agenda item III: Chair's Report

Chairman Orgel gave a shout out to Penelope Springer and Sam Caldwell for all of the hard work on the FY24 DMC budget. The budget has been approved by the City & County. Later today Tori Haliburton will host a DEI meeting and has also just finished the first class of the Emerging Developer Incubator Program. A big thanks to Tori and Brett Roler.

Chairman Benjamin Orgel called for agenda item IV: Financial Update

Penelope Springer presented the financial update and monthly highlights.

Chairman Benjamin Orgel called for agenda item VI: President's Report

Paul Young gave a brief update on Downtown events and activities. The 4th of July Fireworks sponsored by DMC will be held at AutoZone Park on July 1st. The upcoming Grand Opening of the Mobility Center will be held on August 3rd. DMC will be losing our Urban Planner, Abe Lueders. Abe will be taking a great position back home in Omaha. We all wish him well.

Chairman Benjamin Orgel called for agenda item VII: New Business/ Adjournment

Chairman Orgel made brief closing remarks, seeing no other business, the meeting was adjourned.