



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

**Wednesday, August 16, 2017**

**Board Members Present:** Mr. Eric Mathews, Ms. Terry Woodard, Mr. Melvin Jones, Mr. Andre Jones, Mr. Benjamin Orgel and Ms. Tanja Mitchell

**Board Member Absent:** Mr. Michael Chance, Ms. Deni Reilly and Ms. Julie Lansky

**DMC Staff Present:** Mr. Charles Carpenter, Ms. Penelope Huston, Ms. Ellery Ammons, Mr. Abe Leuders and Mr. Brett Roler

**Guests:** Mr. James Stokes, Mr. Patrick Lantrip, Mr. Pete Evans, Mr. Alex Turley, Mr. Rob Norcross and Ms. Michelle Corbet

**Agenda Item I-II: Call to Order and Minutes**

Mr. Mathews determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M. Ms. Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2017 CCDC meeting. Mr. Orgel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item III: Financial Reports**

Ms. Oswalt presented the financial reports to the board.

**Agenda items IV: G. E. Patterson Underpass Public Realm Improvements**

Mr. Roler explained that the South End Alliance would like to partner with the CCDC to make significant improvements at the railroad underpass and trestle along G.E. Patterson Avenue, to transform this underpass from an eyesore to a neighborhood asset and landmark. Mr. Andre Jones made a motion to approve the request, and Ms. Tanja Mitchell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Roler asked for board members to serve on a committee to review the proposals and Ms. Mitchell, Mr. Orgel, and Ms. Woodard volunteered.

**Agenda Items V: Other Business - Approval of Downtown Memphis Commission (DMC) Interim President**

Mr. Melvin Jones made a motion to retain Jennifer Oswalt as Interim President of the DMC pending the selection of a long term president and Ms. Tanja Mitchell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Seeing no further business, Mr. Mathews adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:25 A.M.