

# MINUTES OF THE DOWNTOWN MEMPHIS COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

# Thursday, August 27, 2015 12:00 P.M. 114 North Main Street

**Board Members Present:** Chairman Bob Lundy, Mr. Carl Person, Ms. Sharon Leicham, Mr. Ernest Strickland, Mr. Rick Copeland (for Mayor Luttrell), Mr. George Little (for Mayor Wharton), Councilman Bill Boyd, Mr. Isaac Northern, Mr. George Shadroui, and Representative Barbara Cooper

**Board Members Not Present:** Ms. Bobbi Gillis, Ms. Deni Reilly, Commissioner Van Turner, Senator Lee Harris, Ms. Terry Woodard, and Mr. Al Lyons

**Staff Present:** Mr. Paul Morris, Ms. Leslie Gower, Mr. Jaske Goff, Ms. Jennifer Oswalt, Mr. Brett Roler, Mr. Jerome Rubin, Mr. Larry Chan, and Ms. Debra Streeter

Guests: Mr. Jereme Cavallo and Mr. Demar Roberts

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Lundy called the meeting to order at 12:17 PM

## Chairman Lundy called for agenda item II: Approval of Minutes

Mr. Strickland made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 25, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Copeland and passed unanimously.

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

Chairman Lundy provided a brief update regarding the search for the next President & CEO of the DMC. He stated that the search process is on track to meet the original goal of concluding by late September or early October, 2015.

## Chairman Lundy called for agenda item IV: Financial Report

Mr. Street presented the current Financial Reports and answered question from the Board. Mr. Morris thanked Mr. Street for his 17 years of extraordinary service as the DMC's Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Morris introduced Ms. Jennifer Oswalt as the DMC's new Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Street asked that the Board officially remove him as a signer on the DMC's bank accounts and to add Ms. Oswalt. Mr. Northern made the motion as requested by staff. Mr. Shadroui seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### Chairman Lundy called for agenda item VII: President's Report

DMC department reports were given by Ms. Leslie Gower, Mr. Jaske Goff and Mr. Jerome Rubin for each of their respective departments. Mr. Morris spoke briefly about the Main 2 Main project, Beale Street Tourism Development Authority, and the Memphis College of Art's potential relocation to midtown from South Main.

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

With no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 PM.