



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

**Thursday, September 28, 2017**

**9:00 A.M.**

**114 North Main Street**

**Board Members Present:** Chairman Carl Person, Mr. Rick Copeland (for Mayor Luttrell), Ms. Joann Massey (for Mayor Strickland), Mr. Bob Lundy, Ms. Julie Ellis, Mr. Mauricio Calvo, Ms. Deni Reilly, Ms. Terry Woodard, Mr. Benjamin Orgel, Mr. Demar Roberts and Mr. Michael Whaley

**Board Members Not Present:** Commissioner Van Turner, Representative Barbara Cooper, Councilman Edmund Ford, Ms. Cheryl Pesce and Senator Lee Harris

**Staff Present:** Ms. Jennifer Oswalt, Ms. Christine Taylor, Ms. Penelope Huston, Mr. Jaske Goff, Ms. Ellery Ammons, Mr. Abe Lueders and Mr. Eleslie Walker

**Guests:** Mr. Ray Brown, Mr. Odell Horton, Mr. John Paul Shaffer, Ms. Beth Flanagan and Mr. Chooch Pickard

**Call to Order**

Chairman Person called the meeting to order at 9:04am.

**Chairman Person called for agenda item II: Approval of August 24, 2017**

**Minutes**

Ms. Julie Ellis made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Deni Reilly seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Chairman Person called for agenda item III: Chair's Report**

Chairman Person discussed the committees that had previously been established and the first Diversity Committee meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>. He also announced that DHR International had been hired to begin the process of searching for a new President/CEO. Lastly, he reminded all board members of the upcoming Annual Board Meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Chairman Person called for agenda item IV: BLDG Memphis Update**

John Paul Shaffer, Executive Director of BLDG, provided an overview of his organization and discussed the Memphis Neighborhood Collaborative for Resilience, Memphis 3.0 and other events including Pizza with Planners and MemFIX.

**Chairman Person called for agenda item V: Diversity Report**

Mr. Jay Goff provided a report on MWBE goals and performance, and answered questions from the board about the report and any specific projects.

**Chairman Person called for agenda item VI: President's Report**

Ms. Jennifer Oswald gave the financial update, and discussed the growing pipeline of exciting projects for the DMC. She also invited board members to the DMC's upcoming annual meeting on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Chairman Person called for agenda item VII: New Business/ Adjournment**

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am.