



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

Thursday, December 13, 2018

9:00 A.M.

114 North Main Street

Board Members Present: Mr. Carl Person, Mr. John Pontius, Ms. Terry Woodard, Mr. Michael Whaley, Ms. Deni Reilly, Mr. Benjamin Orgel, Ms. Julie Ellis, Mr. Mauricio Calvo and Ms. Joann Massey (for Mayor Strickland)

Board Members Not Present: Councilman Edmund Ford, Mr. John Zeanah (for Mayor Luttrell), Senator Lee Harris, Commissioner Van Turner, Mr. Demar Roberts, Representative Barbara Cooper and Ms. Cheryl Pesce

Staff Present: Ms. Jennifer Oswald, Ms. Christine Taylor, Mr. Jaske Goff, Mr. Abram Lueders, Ms. Ellery Ammons, Ms. Penelope Huston, Ms. Penelope Springer and Ms. Debra Streeter

Guests: Mr. James Stokes, Ms. Desiree Stennett, Ms. April Tutor, Mr. Josh Gradshaw and Mr. Mike Todd

Call to Order

Chairman Person called the meeting to order at 9:08 am.

Chairman Person called for agenda item II: Approval of November 29, 2018 Minutes

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

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

Mr. Person reviewed the recent activities of the other boards including projects that had been approved.

Chairman Person called for agenda item IV: Officer Elections

Ms. Oswald introduced the recommendations for 2019 DMC Board Officers including Ms. Reilly as Chairman, Ms. Woodard as Vice Chairman, Mr. Orgel as Secretary and Mr. Pontius as Treasurer. Ms. Ellis made a motion to approve the officers as nominated. Mr. Whaley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Ms. Oswald also thanked Mr. Person for his time as DMC Chairman.

Chairman Person called for agenda item V: Retreat Update

Ms. Oswald reviewed the goals from the 2018 DMC Board Retreat on Building Downtown, Advancing Inclusion & Diversity, Engaging Community and Improving Public Spaces.

Chairman Person called for agenda item VI: Financial Report

Ms. Penelope Springer presented the Audit Summary to the DMC Board.

Chairman Person called for agenda item VII: Union Row Update

Ms. Oswalt provided an overview for the recently approved Union Row project. Ms. Ellis made a motion to accept the audit report and Mr. Calvo seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Chairman Person called for agenda item VIII: President's Report

Ms. Jennifer Oswalt thanked the board for their time and mentioned how busy 2018 had been.

Chairman Person called for agenda item IX: New Business/ Adjournment

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.