



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

**Thursday, July 20, 2017  
12:00 P.M.  
114 North Main Street**

**Board Members Present:** Chairman Carl Person, Mr. Bob Lundy, Ms. Julie Ellis, Mr. Rick Copeland (for Mayor Luttrell), Ms. Cheryl Pesce, Mr. Mauricio Calvo, Councilman Edmund Ford, Mr. Demar Roberts, Ms. Deni Reilly and Ms. Terry Woodard

**Board Members Not Present:** Commissioner Van Turner, Representative Barbara Cooper, Mr. Michael Whaley, Ms. Joann Massey (for Mayor Strickland), Senator Lee Harris and Mr. Benjamin Orgel

**Staff Present:** Ms. Jennifer Oswalt, Ms. Christine Taylor, Ms. Penelope Huston, Mr. Jaske Goff, Mr. Brett Roler, Mr. Chris Porter, Ms. Ellery Ammons, Mr. Clint Burke, Ms. Debra Streeter, Mr. Abe Lueders, Mr. Jonathan Mosley, Mr. Gil Brandon and Mr. Eleslie Walker

**Guests:** Mr. James Stokes, Ms. Sue Williams, Ms. Beth Flanagan, Mr. Ray Brown, Mr. Odell Horton, Mr. Eric Mathews, Mr. Paul Morris, Ms. Gayla Burks and Mr. Wayne Risher

**Call to Order**

Chairman Person called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

**Chairman Person called for agenda item II: Approval of June 22, 2017 Minutes**

Mr. Rick Copeland made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Julie Ellis seconded the motion.

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

Chairman Person asked for self-nominations in replacing his seat on the CCDC and DRB Boards, and Ms. Terry Woodard stepped forward for CCDC and Ms. Deni Reilly for DRB. Chairman Person also introduced moving the DMC board meeting to 9:00am and meeting with committees more frequently instead of holding monthly DMC Board Meetings.

**Chairman Person called for agenda item IV: Approval of Downtown Memphis Commission (DMC) Interim President**

Ms. Deni Reilly made a motion to retain Jennifer Oswalt as Interim President of the DMC pending the selection of a long term president and Mr. Bob Lundy seconded the motion.

**Chairman Person called for agenda item V: Civic Commons Update**

Ms. Carol Coletta, Senior Fellow with the Kresge Foundation, presented an update on the Civic Commons and discussed the changes coming to the riverfront in the future in addition to reviewing the success of Fourth Bluff programming and Riverplay.

**Chairman Person called for agenda item VI: Approval of Memorandum of Understanding by the Health, Educational and Housing Facility Board**

Ms. Cheryl Pesce made a motion to accept the memorandum as presented with the condition that all designation of new properties come through the DMC board first, Mr. Bob Lundy seconded the motion.

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

Ms. Jennifer Oswald affirmed that the DMC is open for business and she appreciated all who have helped with transition, enabling the DMC to not skip a beat. DMC department reports were given by staff members for each of their respective departments. Mr. Jaske Goff (Operations) discussed his recent safety certification and continued growth and success for the Blue Suede Brigade, Mr. Brett Roler (Development) discussed Exterior Improvement Grants for four Main St. Properties, Ms. Penelope Huston (Marketing) discussed a variety of highlights and events downtown, and Ms. Jennifer Oswald (Finance) updated the board on the DMC's finances.

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

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.