

DOWNTOWN MARIETTA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES
JULY 10, 2008

Members Present: Tom Browning, Carey Cox, Bill Dunaway, Wes Godwin, Al Johnson, Sam Olens, Dave Reardon

Members Absent: Jimmy Duvlaris

Attorney: Tom Cauthorn

Recording Secretary: Mary Anne Landers

Agenda Item I – Call to Order

Chairman Tom Browning called the meeting to order in the 4th Floor Conference Room of City Hall at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda Item II – Approval of minutes of last meeting (May 15, 2008)

With a quorum present, the minutes of the last meeting held on May 15, 2008, were unanimously approved as moved by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Cox.

Agenda Item III – Update on GWTW Museum and Events – Connie Sutherland

Connie Sutherland reported that the Gone With the Wind Museum had a good July 4th weekend with GWTW movie cast members participating in the parade and other events for the weekend, and people coming from all over the country to enjoy the activities. It was the most successful fund-raiser this year, bringing in over \$24,000 for the museum. She reported that attendance at the museum averages 35 guests per day.

Agenda Item IV – Update on the Concert Series and other events on the Square – Carolyn Morris

Carolyn Morris, who manages the Concert Series on the Square, reported that the summer Concert Series in Glover Park has been very successful with large crowds in attendance. She reported that the concerts were \$1500 under budget. With expenses for sponsor gifts, the thank you dinner, and additional sound equipment needed for the increased attendance, she expects to come out even.

There was discussion of other events on the Square including Art in the Park with 125 artists, the Antique Festival, Farmers Market, and weekend weddings.

Carolyn invited the Authority members to a “Thank You Dinner” at the next concert on July 25th. It was reported that Patricia Duggan is the new director of the Marietta – Cobb Museum of Art.

Agenda Item V – Presentation of the audit – Moore and Cubbedge - Tammy Galvis

Tammy Galvis of Moore & Cubbedge presented the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2007. Copies were given to each member of the Authority.

Agenda Item VI – DMDA letter in connection with Moore & Cubbedge LLP audit – Tom Cauthorn

Tom Cauthorn explained that the DMDA letter in connection with Moore & Cubbedge LLP audit must be signed by Tom Browning, Chairman.

Action: Mr. Olens made the motion to authorize Tom Browning to sign the letter; Mr. Johnson seconded the motion and Mr. Dunaway abstained. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item VII – Tentative millage rate and Public Hearing dates for tax increase due to tentative millage rate – Tom Cauthorn

Mr. Cauthorn reported that the tentative millage rate is 2.38 mills, with a 34% tax increase due to splitting of parcels and redevelopment. He explained that ads would run in the Marietta Daily Journal one week prior to 3 public hearings being held on July 29th at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and July 30th at 2:00 p.m. in the Mayor’s office on 4th floor of City Hall. A special called meeting of the DMDA will be held on July 30th at 5:30 p.m. to set the millage rate.

Action: Mr. Godwin made the motion to set the meeting dates and run the ads. Mr. Reardon seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mary Anne Landers will post the meeting notices on City Hall bulletin boards.

Agenda Item VIII – Other

There was a discussion about the Pullman Car sitting next to the railroad tracks on the Square. Philip Goldstein reported that Dr. Lumpkin, owner, has a month to month agreement with the railroad. It was discussed that the Pullman Car needs to be repaired or condemned. Van Pearlberg asked if the DMDA can improve or condemn it and Tom Browning explained that the DMDA cannot condemn it because it is under City jurisdiction. The City and Code Enforcement would have to decide what to do with the car.

Mr. Godwin agreed to call Dr. Lumpkin and report back.

Agenda Item IX – Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

William B. Dunaway, Secretary-Treasurer