



Design Committee Meeting | Thursday, November 3, 2022 | City Council Chambers | 9:00 a.m.

Minutes

Call to order, Cassie Ragan

Roll Call: Chelsea Little, Executive Director

Chris Bankston	Present
Tara Bennett	Present
Roy Dufreche	Present
Tom Pistorius	Absent
Cassie Ragan	Present
Jeffrey Smith	Present
Pierre Theriot	Absent

Old Business:

1. Approval of minutes from October 13, 2022

Tara Bennett made a motion, seconded by Cassie Ragan, to move the meeting minute approvals to the next meeting.

Chris Bankston	Yes
Tara Bennett	Yes
Roy Dufreche	Yes
Tom Pistorius	Absent
Cassie Ragan	Yes
Jeffrey Smith	Yes
Pierre Theriot	Absent

Yes: 5 | No: 0 | Absent: 2 | Abstain: 0 | Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Downtown Welcome Sign

Mrs. Little informed the committee the DDD Board of Directors the contract for Roy Dufreche to execute a design for the Hammond Welcome Sign was approved. Mr. Dufreche mentioned that the site will be land surveyed before the design process begins. He also updated the committee on companies for the history exhibit plaque installation.

Discussion was had to ensure the City was included in all processes of the project moving forward as it was first brought to the DDD by the City.



2. History Panels

Mrs. Little presented current documents for the History Exhibit project and mentioned that narratives were in the process of being drafted. Members discussed the importance of including African American history with this project and working with the Tangipahoa African American Heritage Museum. Discussion was also had about the continuation for a history walking tour.

The project is being funded in part by the State Office of Historic Preservation and is roughly \$7,000.

3. One Thirteen Restaurant project

Mr. Dufreche, project architect, introduced the exterior renovation for One Thirteen Restaurant located at 113 N Oak St. The project has conceptual approval for the Hammond Historic District. The project includes removing the lot parking for hardscaping, seating, trees, landscaping, and other exterior furnishings. The project adds street parking and results in the loss of only one parking spot.

Discussion was had about a third split between the DDD and City. It is important the owner present the plans ahead of time to the DDD and Council before the project begins.

4. Staff Report

Mrs. Little updated the committee about a bike share program between Downtown Hammond and Southeastern Louisiana University. The group is seeking partnerships between the DDD, Chamber, and City.

Mr. Jeffrey Smith noted there are several dead trees in downtown and urged for action. Members discussed maintenance of the street trees and trash on streets, namely alcohol litter.

-Adjournment

