

**MINUTES OF KENNESAW DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING**  
**CITY OF KENNESAW**  
**Council Chambers**  
**(2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, GA, 30144)**  
**January 15, 2025**  
**6:00 PM**

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**1. Call to Order / Roll Call**

- The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair, Richard Blevins.
- Members present: Richard Blevins, Antoinette Griffin, Keith Palmer, Matt Riedemann, and Chris Davis
- Members absent: Justin Crocker and Kevin Tidwell
- Staff present: Luke Howe, Miranda Taylor and Tanyel Aviles

**2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes**

A. Approval of Executive Session Minutes

- The board reviewed the draft executive session minutes from 7/17/24.
- Matt Riedemann motions to approve the executive session minutes from 7/17/24.
- Keith Palmer seconds the motion.
- All in favor. 4-0.

B. Approval of KDA Minutes - 8/27/24

- The board reviewed the draft minutes from the 08/27/24 meeting.
- Antoinette Griffin makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented.
- Matt Riedemann seconds the motion.
- All in favor. 4-0.

**3. Financial Report**

A. Review financial report as of 12/31/24

- Keith Palmer presents the financial report. He states that as of 12/31/24 the KDA has \$395,906.14 in the operating account. The new balance of the CD is \$51,244.94. The CD matures again in March of 2025. The new line item, Land Held for Resale, has a balance of \$908,570.29. This brings the total assets to \$1,355,721.37.
- Antoinette Griffin motions to approve the financial report as presented.
- Matt Riedemann seconds the motion.
- All in favor. 4-0.

- The KDA has a discussion allowing the CD to roll over for another term.

#### **4. Old Business**

##### **A. Consideration of IGA with City for Jiles Place transfer**

- Luke Howe states that there is an active lease with Escalade Rock Climbing Gym (ERCG) to utilize the property for ancillary parking. However, the property deed was not officially recorded with the County in the KDA's name. In the lease agreement with ERCG, they have the option to buy the property, and would like to exercise that option. Thusly, the City must transfer the property to the KDA for the impending purchase and sale agreement to be reviewed in April.
- Keith Palmer motions to authorized the Chair to sign the IGA.
- Matt Riedemann seconds the motion.
- All in favor. 4-0.

#### **5. New Business**

##### **A. Election of Officers**

- Matt Riedemann refreshes the KDA on current officer potions held.
  - Chairman - Richard Blevins
  - Vice Chairman - Matt Riedemann
  - Treasurer - Keith Palmer
  - Secretary - Chris Davis
- The board discusses the current roles and positions held.
- Matt Riedemann motions to approve the current slate of officers to continue serving in their current roles.
- Antoinette Griffin seconds the motion.
- All in favor. 4-0.

#### **6. Public Comments**

- None

#### **7. Staff Comment**

- Luke Howe states that the City is currently looking for businesses to occupy the newly acquired Collier building.
- There is brief discussion regarding other areas in Downtown Kennesaw, and upcoming proposed revitalizations.
- There is brief discussion on potential areas for data centers, and the history of the Columns property on Kennesaw Due West Road.

#### **8. Executive Session**

##### **A. Pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. 50-14-3, the KDA could, at any time**

during the meeting, vote to close the public meeting and move to executive session to discuss matters relating to litigation, legal actions and/or communications from the City Attorney as provided under O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(1); and/or personnel matters as provided under O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (4) and/or real estate matters as provided under O.C.G.A 50-14-3(6).

- None

## **9. Adjourn**

- Antoinette Griffin motions to adjourn the meeting at 6:27pm.
- Chris Davis seconds the motion.
- All in favor. 4-0.