



**City of Avondale Estates
Downtown Development Authority
Regular Meeting
April 14, 2020
6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Members Present: Dave Deiters, Chair
Allen Kim
Leigh Lynch
Jennifer Joyner
Tom Trocheck
Lisa Shortell
Stacia Familo-Hopek

Staff Present: Paul Hanebuth, Treasurer
Sam Collier
Dan McRae
Rebecca Davis
Shannon Powell

Item No. 1 Meeting called to Order

Item No. 2 Approval of Agenda and Minutes
Leigh Lynch motioned to approve. The person seconding the motion was inaudible. All ayes.

Item No. 3 What have we done for “Dale”?
Dave Deiters said the best thing that can be done for the city right now is to support the local businesses in light of the coronavirus pandemic. Jennifer Joyner told the group that a covid-19 resource page had been added to their website. She requested the others to keep her posted if they hear any updates from specific businesses. Mr. Deiters suggested buying

still planned for late September as well. Ms. Joyner also gave an update on the Avondale Farmers Market. She said it hasn't opened yet but is deemed an essential business. The organizers are looking at ways to open safely. There was discussion about the money the DDA has given to these events. Dave Deiters said at some point they would need to discuss if they want to sponsor the farmers market in the current environment and more discussion about that followed. Mr. Dieters felt the DDA should mimic city officials' stance on covid-19 safety. Paul Hanebuth offered that he didn't believe the city would stand in the way of having the farmers market. Lisa Shortell mentioned how some other businesses are operating.

Item No. 6 2020 Event Status - Joyner
 See above.

Main Street: Design
Main Street: Economic Vitality
Main Street: Organization

DDA

The Avondale Estates Downtown Development Authority (DDA) was created in 2001 by local legislation enacted by the Georgia General Assembly. The DDA is empowered to borrow money, enter into contracts, provide loans, purchase property, receive grants and gifts and sell revenue bonds.

Item No. 7 Treasurer's report - Hanebuth
 Paul Hanebuth said the only unusual to happen in March was that he swept cash from the DJJ account through the DDA account and then on to Georgia Fund One. He noted that two months of DJJ management fees were invoiced in March. Also, the CPP check for MayHam has not been voided yet.

Item No. 8 Status report on DDA Organizational - Collier
 Transformation Project
 Sam Collier said the Main Street exploratory committee would get up and running again. The geotech report has been completed for city-owned and DDA-owned property. The study found that with small modifications, all the development and park plans can be supported. He gave an update on the Urban Design Study and said phase one is almost complete. Tom Trocheck asked if the DDA would receive a report after phase one. Shannon Powell believed the deliverable would be similar to the preliminary that they received. Mr. Trocheck felt it was important to know what the money is being spent on and a report would be helpful. Mr. Collier discussed stucco repair at 84 North Avondale Road and proposed parking changes in front of that building. He added that asbestos tests for

