

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TAKEN AT A SPECIAL MEETING ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2018.

Those present: Miles Matt, Lisa Thomas, Gus Rezende, Mike Delcambre and Greg Walls.

Those absent: Ross Fontenot and Jim Keaty.

Staff present: Jolene Harris and Hunter Hebert.

Others present: Carlee AlmLabar, John Chappuis, Missy Theriot and Eric Crozier.

The meeting was called to order by Matt.

Public comment cards were available on table in the back of room for anyone who wished to speak in regards to items on the agenda.

CEO Hire Approval

Matt noted that a special meeting had been called to give a recommendation for the hire of a new CEO to include the salary. The selection committee, chaired by Miles Matt consisted of the following: Lisa Thomas, DDA secretary/treasurer, local attorney downtown, Lisa Thomas & Associates; Greg Walls, at large officer on the DDA board, local architect/developer and restaurant owner downtown; Carlee Alm-Labar, immediate past director of development and planning at LCG and currently director of Traditional Neighborhood Development at Southern Lifestyle Development; John Chappuis, senior partner at Voorhies and Labbe downtown law firm, born and raised downtown and member of many boards to include recent past chairman of the ACA and past chairman of the DDA board for a number of years; Eric Crozier, local architect with Abell, Crozier Architect downtown and current member of the DLU; Missy Theriot, attorney and partner with Neuner Pate law firm, downtown resident and current board member on the LPTFA and board member of DLU; Ursula McClure, under-grad and graduate degree in architecture and currently professor of the LSU School of Architecture. It was further noted that there was much time put in on interviewing the candidates, selecting 10 for initial interviews and narrowing it down to 3 as finalist. The committee selected Anita Begnaud, who was highly recommended. Begnaud's resume was passed around to all board members. Matt noted at this time that the Nominating Committee recommended Anita Begnaud for hire as the CEO of Downtown Development Authority. Matt further noted that Ms. Begnaud accepted the Nominating Committee's offer of \$100k annually plus the benefits as provided by LCG. Begnaud was available to begin employment on October 22. Discussions followed. Delcambre motioned to hire Anita Begnaud as the new CEO of the Downtown Development Authority at the salary of \$100k base annually plus LCG benefits to begin on October 22, 2018, Rezende seconded, all voted in favor.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.