

**McCLELLAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MDA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES**

8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Aaron Acker, Willie Duncan, Freeman Fite, Tim Garner, Jim McClellan, Bill Robison, Eric Stringer, and Phil Webb

ABSENT: Pokey Brimer, Angela Fears, Sonny McMahan

Quorum present: Yes

MDA Staff Present: Robin Scott, and Jason Odom

Meeting called to order at 8:00 AM by Phil Webb, Chairman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION to approve the minutes for the Called Board Meeting held June 5, 2018 was made, seconded, and unanimously passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Historic Warehouse District Road Vacate Petition to City of Anniston

The Chairman recognized Mr. Alex Weidner of Howard Core, Inc. who presented documentation concerning his purchase and leasing of various properties on McClellan, the impact of recent sales of property to REK Partners, LLC and the impact of that sale on his operations (*document on file*). He also raised a concern that the petition to permanently vacate certain roads within the Historic Warehouse District could negatively impact his business. The Executive Director noted that all of the roads in the Vacate Petition have been blockaded by the City since June 2016 in response to Howard Core's concerns of vandalism within the District. After the presentation, a discussion ensued concerning why the petition was filed. The Executive Director showed an excerpt of the Purchase Sales Agreement that specified the MDA would "...assist and cooperate with the Purchaser in the Establishment of the Art and Entertainment District proposed by the City of Anniston..." and that this petition was part of that effort. Mr. Robison commented that the clause doesn't specifically say anything about vacating the roads to which Mr. Garner added that the lack of a specific clause concerning road vacation would make the petition null and void. Mr. Duncan also expressed reservations that the closure of Nielson Street could impact traffic flow at Monteith Theater. After additional questions and discussion the Executive Director suggested that, based on the comments from the Board, the best option

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forward would be to withdraw the Petition from consideration at the upcoming City Council meeting. Mr. Robison agreed and made the motion.

***MOTION** to direct the Executive Director to draw up a letter to the City of Anniston signed by the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Executive Director directing the City to withdraw the MDA May 15, 2018 Petition to Vacate Roads in the Historic Warehouse District from consideration and to deliver said letter by 12:00 noon was made, seconded, and unanimously passed.*

OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION:

A general discussion ensued concerning items to be discussed at the upcoming Board meeting on July 25, 2018 to include an update on the Bike Trial Project, a follow up briefing with BCHA concerning horse trials on McClellan, and discussion pertaining to personnel matters. The Chairman asked to try and arrange for a meeting with various selected members of the Board, Mr. Weidner, and Mr. Kennedy just prior to the July 25th Board meeting to continue discussions of various issues in the Historic Warehouse District. The Chairman also directed that a Called Meeting be scheduled for August 10, 2018 at 9:00 AM to conduct a work session concerning plans moving forward with the organization.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

***MOTION** to adjourn the MDA Board meeting was made, seconded, and unanimously passed.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Minutes submitted by Robin Scott

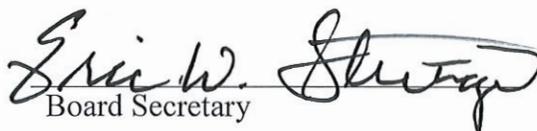
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Chairman/Vice-Chairman

Date:

Approved:



Board Secretary

Date:

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