



ROME DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

July 13, 2023

Carnegie

607 Broad Street

MEETING MINUTES

Brock called the meeting to order at 8:31am and welcomed members, city staff and guests. Members present: Harry Brock, Rhonda Wallace, Randy Quick, Megan Watters, Kelli Duncan, DJ Rickman, and Kevin Dillmon. City staff present: Aundi Lesley, Jennifer Bailey, Kelley Parker, Julie Harris, and Doug Walker. Guests present: David Crowder, John Hawkins, Sam Bryant, and Frank Beacham.

ACTION

Kevin Dillmon Swear-In – City Attorney, Frank Beacham, swore in newest board member, Kevin Dillmon.

Approve June 2023 Minutes – Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes. Watters seconded. All were in favor.

Approve BID Financials – Promotions account currently sits at \$36,807. Design account currently sits at \$59,271. Watters made a motion to approve the financials. Rickman seconded. All were in favor.

2023 Marketing Grant Recipients – The Business Development Committee voted on the 2023 marketing grant recipients. 21 applications were received. 10 grants will be given out. The committee recommends Sassy Salvage, Capitoline Records, Paula's Boutique, Blue Willow Boutique, Ford, Gittings & Kane, Snazzy Rags, Living & Giving, Mahli's Uni-Pop, Swift & Finch, and Cabell's Designs. Duncan made a motion to approve the recommended recipients. Watters seconded. All were in favor.

DISCUSSION

DDA Board Training – City Attorney, John Hawkins, presented the board with a training covering Georgia Open Meetings Act, Georgia Open Records Act, and conflicts of interest. Lesley mentioned a DDA 101/Main Street 101 training is available to newest members and those that wish to refresh their DDA knowledge.

Committee Update – No reports at this time.

Staff Reports – No reports at this time.

Other/Adjourn – Brock called to adjourn the meeting at 9:20am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Bailey-Bowers, Recording Secretary