

Development Authority of the City of Forest Park
Board Meeting
February 24, 2016
Minutes

A regular meeting of the Development Authority of the City of Forest Park was held on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, at the Forest Park City Hall, 745 Forest Parkway, Forest Park, GA 30297.

Board Members: Pamela Lake; Roy Lunsford; Don Wright; and, Lois Wright.

Staff, Legal Counsel and Others: Fred Bryant; Mike Blandenburg; and, Al Wiggins.

Lois Wright, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There was not a quorum present. Lois Wright informed the Board that former Forest Park Mayor Corine Deyton had passed away and that her funeral would be February 27th at 11AM at Forest Park Baptist Church. She asked that Mayor Deyton's family be kept in everyone's thoughts and prayers.

Fred Bryant requested permission to place the following item on the agenda for the March meeting: Consideration of Having a Public Comment Period. Lois Wright approved the request.

The following matters were addressed:

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the January 27, 2016 meeting will be considered at the March meeting.

Old Business:

Maintenance and Operational Support for Shopping Plaza (suites 751-775) located at Main Street and Lake Drive: Al Wiggins, Forest Park City Manager, provided an update on this matter. Current occupancy rate is at 40% and all tenants are month-to-month. An architect has been engaged to complete drawings for proposed changes that would be consistent with the Main Street Design Guidelines. That should be available in two weeks. The goal is to use a false facade: to give the appearance of one building; to improve the rear of the buildings; and, to provide a uniform roofline. A local businessman is interested in purchasing the site. Mr. Wiggins will work with Jeff Eady who, as the former Mayor of Morrow, has experience with this type of effort. The plan is to renovate the shopping plaza at no cost to the Authority or City. Lois Wright directed that this item be placed on the March agenda.

New Business:

Tax Allocation District (Main Street): Al Wiggins provided a brief overview of the Tax Allocation District created in December 2008 that includes Main Street and the Gillem Logistics Center. Some buildings used to calculate taxes have been demolished and new improvements added. There is a need to update the documentation to properly reflect the existing structures and their taxable value. At the March meeting, Mr. Wiggins will ask the Board to consider sharing the cost of this update with the URA and the City. Lois Wright directed that this item be placed on the March agenda.

Mr. Wiggins also discussed the possibility of adding “Future of Forest Park’ mural to 920 Main Street. At the next City Council meeting, he will seek community engagement on what that mural should depict. Lois Wright directed that this matter also be included on the March agenda.

The next regular meeting will be March 23, 2016, at 5:30 pm.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Recorded By:

Fred Bryant, DA
Secretary and Executive Director

Approved: March 23, 2016

Fred E. Bryant
Secretary and Executive Director