

## DDA Board of Directors Meeting MINUTES

Tuesday, July 2, 2024

Location: Blairsville City Hall

Time: 12 PM

Megan Kimsey (Chair) called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

Present for Meeting: Megan Kimsey, Chris Wadle, Zach Edmonds, Rhonda Mahan, Steve Row, Courtney Waller, Johnny Collins, DDA Director Kristen Bentley.

Guests: None

A Quorum was established.

Conflicts of Interest: None

No public commentary

**Minutes:** Rhonda Mahan made a motion to approve the June 2024 meeting minutes , Courtney Waller seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

**Financials:** Courtney Waller made a motion to approve June 2024 financials, Rhonda Mahan seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

### **New Business:**

Kristen expressed a need to form a task force for the community park behind City Hall. The goal would be to develop a strategy for pursuing grant funding to transform the space and maximize community buy-in for future programming in the space. Chris Wadle made a motion to establish this task force, Courtney Waller seconded. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Kristen asked for solidified participation commitments from any board members who wish to attend the upcoming GDA conference in Thomasville. After confirming participation from Zach, Megan, Rhonda, Johnny, and Steve, Courtney made a motion to approve the necessary expenses for board members' training at the conference. Johnny Collins seconded. **All in favor. Motion carried.**

### **Old Business:**

Kristen presented the board with a list of volunteer opportunities for the upcoming Mountain, Music, & Moonshine festival. She also sent a google form out to the board's email addresses to secure interest.

Kristen presented the Director's update for members and provided handouts of the Work Plan with completed items highlighted.

Rhonda Mahan made a motion to end the meeting at 1:02. Chris Wadle seconded. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

