

**DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT BOARD
MINUTES
Tuesday, May 3, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Downtown Redevelopment Board was held Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, 301 S. Ridgewood Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida. The following people were present:

Board Members Present:

Mr. Pete Zahn, Chair
Mr. Tibor Benke
Ms. Freddie Smith-Friend
Mr. Kenneth Hunt
Ms. Sheryl Cook
Mr. John Kamchan
Mr. Jake Nicely

Board Members Absent

Ms. Cathy Washington

Staff Members Present

Mr. Reed Berger, Redevelopment Director
Mr. Ken Thomas, Redevelopment Director (new)
Mr. Ben Gross, Deputy City Attorney
Ms. Michele Toliver, Redevelopment Project Manager
Mrs. Gina Fountain, Board Secretary

1. Call to Order

Mr. Zahn called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mrs. Fountain called the roll and noted members present as stated above

3. Approval of Minutes

Board Action:

A motion was made by Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Zahn, to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2022 meeting as presented. The motion carried (7-0).

4. Staff Reports:

Captain Nikolow provided a report regarding police activity, orange crush event, and crime statistics.

Ms. Cooks asked about Jeep Beach week event.

Captain Nikolow stated only received noise complaints, they contribute to the community.

Mr. Hunt asked about the number of Jeep participants.

Ms. Smith-Friend stated 14,000 registered for event.

Ms. Cooks expressed concerns of the homeless population returning to corner of Magnolia.

Captain Nikolow advised 150 arrest made along Ridgewood corridor for blocking of the sidewalk type of violations. They are constantly monitoring this area. The police Dept. is down 40 plus positions.

Mr. Ken Thomas, Redevelopment Director (new) introduced himself to the Board and described future plans for Redevelopment Board.

Mr. Zahn asked about last five-year experience in Redevelopment and reviewing of ongoing projects in this area.

Mr. Thomas explained need to explore how community would look in 20-30 year with projects and programs then make changes were needed.

Ms. Cooks welcome Mr. Thomas along with Mr. Hunt.

Mr. Hunt thanked Mr. Berger for his service.

5. Public Comments:

There were no public comments

6. Board Comments:

Mr. Zahn reminded Board of the required Ethics training; two members recently completed the training. .

Board members welcomed Mr. Thomas on the Board.

7. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Pete Zahn, Chair



Gina Fountain, Board Secretary