

MARSHALL DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

MARSHALL, TEXAS

Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, June 15 – 2:00 pm
Synergy Park – Second Floor – The Vault
100 North Bolivar Street
Marshall, Texas 75670

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. J. Blair Blackburn, President of the MDDC, called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Glenn Bickerdike, Secretary-Treasurer of the MDDC, presented a brief financial report and reviewed a balance sheet of the funds with the Directors. Jim Davis moved to approve the financial report. The motion was seconded by Dinora Harris. The motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The minutes from the April 20, 2023 Meeting of the MDDC Board of Directors. Glenn Bickerdike moved to approve the minutes. Jim Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

LeAnne White provided an update on Downtown Economic Grant Activities and spoke about upcoming ventures in downtown Marshall. These initiatives included additional retail spaces, office spaces, and possible Airbnb rentals.

Glenn Bickerdike provided an update on construction progress for Rueggensch Brewing Co., stating that the project is nearing completion and equipment will be moving in shortly.

Jim Davis provided an update on the upcoming Boogie Woogie Fest, currently scheduled for September 16 and 17.

Stacey Splawn informed the Board of a new coffee roaster moving to downtown Marshall Brown Coffee Company has relocated to Marshall from San Antonio.

The Board discussed the Downtown Directional Sign Campaign, including quoted pricing. The Board will continue to explore options, and Glenn will pursue a more formal quote. The Board will consider possible designs in the future. LeAnne confirmed the City of Marshall will match up to 50% of the funding needed for the signage, and that the City of Marshall will need to approve the final design.

The Board then discussed Downtown Art Murals. Dinora informed the Directors she had been in contact with a potential artist. The Board discussed possible design ideas for the various murals. Dinora and Stacey will bring options to future meetings.

Pedestrian Routes in Downtown were then discussed by the Board. LeAnne stated the City of Marshall was aware of the issues and is working to repair.

NEW BUSINESS

LeAnne brought a Sponsorship request to the MDDC Board for consideration. The requested funds (\$200.00) would serve to promote the Farmers Market planned for downtown. LeAnne also requested \$250.00 to sponsor Girls Night Out in downtown. The motion to sponsor both events (totally \$450.00) was moved by Stacey and seconded by Kat Evans. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Blackburn adjourned the meeting at 3:18 p.m.