

DDD Commission Meeting
August 12, 2008, 8:00 a.m.
Capital Park Welcome Center

Attending: Cheri Morial Ausberry, Mark Bensabat Norman Chenevert, Derrell Cohoon, Chris Nichols

Absent: Van Mayhall

Others in Attendance: Raymond Alexander, James Andermann, Joe Anthony, Stephen Arceneaux, Paul Arrigo, Debbie Ashe, Jo Landry Bagewell, Brad Bates, Danny Belanger, Charles Bennett, Frances Bennett, Carolyn Bennett, Susannah Bing, Gary Black, Bill Blackwood, Dave Briggs, Carrie Broussard, Nancy Broussard, Dana Brown, Christina Bourg, Mike Bruce, Lacy Burris, Rex Cabaniss, Chad Calder, Gayle Carnahan, Nancy Carter, Ashley Casey, Lindsey Cavalier, Charles Coates, Tim Cockerham, Sonya Collins, Ronnie Comeaux, Todd Cooper, Whitney Cooper, Sara Courtney, Sandra Daire, Melissa Daly, Chad Danos, Pete Darling, Andi DeJohn, Rachel DiResto, Huey Dugas, Lacey Dupre, Barbara Anne Eaton, Mary Frey Eaton, Kendrick Ebanks, John Eblen, Kirk Edwards, Madeline Ellis, Matt Emory, Eric Engeman, Derek Fitch, Carley Fleming, Jeff Fluhr, Joey Furr, Mike Futrell, Gail Gaiennie, Ed Gaskin, Carol Gikas, Debbie Gill, Fran Gladden, Brian Goad, Brace Godfrey, Krista Goodin, Mark Goodson, Derek Gordon, Francis Grayson, Jill Green, Scott Hall, Gwen Hamilton, John Hart, Tammy Hartley, David Jacobs, John O. Hearin, Jerry Hebert, Kristin Hebert, John Helm, Mike Herschman, Walker Higgins, Kim Hodgeson, Ryan Holcomb, Tom Holden, Helen Holland, Virginia Holmes, Lael Holton, Kristi Howard, Alice Howe, Joe Hynes, David Jacobs, Staci Jamieson, Donnie Jarreau, Ingrid Payne Johnson, Ernest Junius, Jason Keller, Laney Keller, Stafford Kendall, Eddie King, Joe Labbe, Dana LaFonta, Debbie Lapeyrouse, Justin Lemoine, Stacey Levert, Tom Livesay, Paul Lockett, Diane Losavio, Sam Losavio, Steven Lumpkin, David Madden, Katie Maloney, Nikki Essix Manuel, Nicole Marshall, Jill Martinez, Laure Mary, Richard Mary, Katherine Mason, Dee Mather, Robert McClearin, Danny McGlynn, Carrie Miller, BJ Mililello, Al McDuff, Jeremy Meighan, Marvin Mitchell, Penny Murray, Richard Neal, Dyke Nelson, Rod Nunez, Mike Odom, Janie Oldfield, Mary Olinde, Theresa Overby, Betsy Paille, Bill Palmer, Greg Palmer, Gary Perilloux, Lisa Perron, Joel Phillips, Eric Poche, Skipper Post, Vincent Price, Tina Rance, Daniel Rhodes, Janet Rhodus, Davis Rhorer, Erin Rolf, Kerry Ruiz, Kristen Sanders, Samuel Sanders, John Schneider, Katherine Scherer, Ben Schultz, Terry Serio, Larry Sciacchetano, Joe Sciortino, Larry Selders, Lonnie Seals, Darlene Shingleur, Pam Sills, Lorraine Slade, Lisa Smith, Mike Songy, Kathleen Spencer, Bill Stark, John Stewart, Jerry Stovall, George Strain, Kristin Stutes, Cherry Talbert, Todd Teepeli, Jeremy Tennant, Ted Terrell, Christopher Toombs, Clark Vega, Gabe Vicknair, Barry Walls, Jack Warner, Brad Way, Tara Wicker, Olivia Watkins, Emily Wharton, Matt Wilks, Bubba Willis, Michael Wilson, Kate Wilson, Beau Wolfe, Erin Wood

1. Mr. Derrell Cohoon called the meeting to order.
2. Mr. Derrell Cohoon declared a quorum.
3. Ms. Nichols moved to approve the agenda, Mr. Bensabat seconded and the agenda was approved as amended.

4. Mr. Chenevert moved to approve the July 8, 2008 minutes, Mr. Bensabat seconded and the minutes were approved.

Mr. Rhorer recognized, Mr. Kevin Preston, Sr. Vice President of Casino Operations for the Belle of Baton Rouge.

5. Board Action – Mayor’s Bond Issue – The Commission viewed, via power point, photographs of proposed projects. Each Commissioner received a copy of newspaper articles. Mr. Rhorer reviewed the list of proposed projects which includes several projects for downtown. The election for the bond issue is scheduled for November 4, 2008. **Mr. Cohoon moved that the Downtown Development District endorse the bond issue. Mr. Bensabat seconded and motion was unanimously approved.**

6a. Governmental Issues

6b. Development Initiatives – North Boulevard Town Square – The Commission viewed, via power point, a photograph of previous meeting. Each Commissioner received a copy of the newspaper article. Mr. Rhorer informed the Commission that the design team is working on the design concepts. Following are the dates for the upcoming meetings:

Design Overview Committee	September 2, 2008
Open House	September 25, 2008

Downtown Green Light Ground Breaking Ceremony – The Commission viewed, via power point, photographs of new lighting standards and crosswalks. Each Commissioner received a copy of the newspaper articles. Mr. Rhorer informed the Commission that the ground breaking was held on Thursday, July 31, 10:00 a.m. at the intersection of Third and Main Street. The downtown project will cost approximately \$10.2 million and include new signals, lighting and crosswalks. The projected completion date is September 2009.

Third Street Garage / II City Plaza Garage – The Commission viewed, via power point, photographs of Third Street garage and current construction of the II City Plaza garage. Mr. Rhorer informed the Commission that the Office of Facility Planning & Control continues to meet to determine the use of the Third Street garage. The II City Plaza garage opened August 11 and will lease monthly parking for \$110.00 per month. Landscaping around the facility is currently being installed.

Downtown openings / renovations – CC’s Coffee House – The Commission viewed, via power point, a promotional flyer. Each Commissioner received a copy of the menu. Mr. Rhorer informed the Commission that CC’s Coffee House will open Friday, August 15 at 327 North Blvd.

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Avoyelles renovation – The Commission viewed, via power point, a photograph of Avoyelles Café. Each Commissioner received a flyer. Mr. Rhorer informed the Commission that the restaurant is currently undergoing renovations and will re-open in approximately two weeks. Mr. Rhorer also informed the Commission that Mr. Jay Dykes is executive producer of the film, *Dirty Politics* and encouraged everyone to attend the screening on Saturday, August 16 at the Manship Theatre.

Baton Rouge Area Convention & Visitors Bureau – The Commission viewed, via power point, a photograph of the ribbon cutting ceremony. Mr. Rhorer informed the Commission that the Baton Rouge Area Convention & Visitors Bureau relocated their offices to the 300 block of Third Street.

Plan Baton Rouge Phase II Update – The Commission viewed, via Power Point, the invitation for the Phase II presentation. Mrs. DiResto encouraged everyone to attend the presentation by Alex Krieger of Chan Krieger Sieniewicz, lead consultant for Plan Baton Rouge Phase II. Mr. Krieger will present riverfront projects on Thursday, August 14 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Manship Theatre.

Events – Live After Five commences – The Commission viewed, via Power Point, the poster for the concerts. Mr. Fluhr reviewed the line-up for the concerts. The concerts will commence on Friday, September 12 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Manship Theatre 2008 - 2009 – The Commission viewed, via Power Point, the cover of the 2008 – 2009 brochure. Each Commissioner received a copy the 2008 – 2009 brochure. Ms. Janie Oldfield briefed the Commission on the upcoming events.

7. Ongoing – Plan Baton Rouge / Center for Planning Excellence – The Commission viewed, via Power Point, the C-PEX logo. Mrs. Rachel Diresto encouraged everyone to attend the Smart Growth Summit that will be held at the Manship Theatre, Thursday, August 14 and Friday, August 15.

BREADA – No information to report.

8. **Correspondence** – No information to report.

9. **Subcommittee Update** – No information to report.

10. **New Business** –

Meeting adjourned.