

DIA BOARD MEETING CEO REPORT

March 15, 2023

#### **BOARD MEMBERS**

• Joshua Garrison's proposed appointment to the Board by Mayor Lenny Curry is pending before the City Council; Mr. Garrison's appointment will be effective prior to the Board's April meetings.

#### **STAFFING**

- New Marketing and Communications Specialist (Ric Anderson) and Administrative Assistant (Jovita Harper) have completed their training periods and are meshing with the team.
- Job descriptions for the Procurement and Property Disposition and Parking Strategy positions are being revised, and those positions will be readvertised before the April meeting.

### **BUDGET**

- The Southbank reconciliation that went through the Board a year ago and has been pending before the City Council for more than six months is still unresolved with the Accounting Division.
- Council auditors have identified a similar concern with the Downtown Economic Development Fund, but have indicated they have a solution to the problem.

#### MASTER PLAN

• The DIA is preparing an executive summary of the Downtown Master Plan that will include maps and graphics, with a targeted completion date of May 1st.

## **PENDING LEGISLATION**

- 2022-0576: Southside investment pool earnings appropriation; deferred
- 2022-0150: Regions Bank DPRP loan
- 2023-0184: MOSH agreements

#### PROGRAMMING

- Banners for the Southbank are being delayed due to delivery issues on banner arms from China.
- DIA met with Gary Monahan to discuss initial programming implementation efforts and obstacles.

## PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT/REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATES

- Iguana Four Seasons: Preparing for closing next week; \$3.2 million sale proceeds will require recommendation and legislation for appropriation.
- Lofts at Cathedral: All closing documents have been executed; closing is this week.
- USS Orleck: New RDA and licenses were approved by the City Council; work is continuing on Pier One; DIA and Public Works are coordinating utilities and road construction; Hal Jones continuing work; JHNSA is obtaining a letter of credit; ship to move to Pier One by March 31.
- AR Polar: Legislation has been approved by the City Council; closing on fire station site is targeted before March 31.



- MOSH Genesis: Legislation has been filed as going through the Council committee process.
- Laura Street Trio: A Council Lunch and Learn on the project was canceled and is expected to be rescheduled in the near future.
- Jones Brothers: The developer's request did not fit within the tiers approach; the request is being revised, or the developer may ask for additional funding that would require a Council sponsor.
- RiversEdge: A new budget allocation is being finalized.
- American Lions: Developers have submitted comments on development agreements, and DIA staff is in discussion with the Office of General Counsel on the agreements.

# **CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE**

- Shipyards West Park: Agency Landscape + Planning is working on rough cost estimates and how to get project budgets and priorities in line for Shipyards West Park.
- Hogan Street Cycle Track (Emerald Trail): The Hogan Street Cycle Track design is significantly delayed, but a bidding process for a new design/build firm is due to occur in April.
- Riverfront Plaza: Perkins&Will are completing construction drawings on Riverfront Plaza, with a target date of June 1
  for commencement of work on the project.
- Two-Way Street Conversions: Two-way conversion of Forsyth and Adams streets: 100% design and bid package is nearing completion; to bid constrained design (no curb changes) in late March or early April.
- Shotgun Houses: renovation is well underway, with JAX Parks awaiting a permit to move the third house.
- **Park Street Road Diet:** Bidding has been delayed due to a Jacksonville Transportation Authority concern, but Public Works has made a request back to JTA and is awaiting a response.
- Liberty Street Upgrades: Design for bike lanes is well underway; may need additional funding from the DIA.
- Southbank Riverwalk Enhancements: enhancements are in design, with a meeting scheduled for March 20 to discuss final plans and phasing.

#### View a recording of the March 15, 2023 DIA Board Meeting via the link below!

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- APRIL 13, 2023: Downtown Development Review Board Meeting. For more information, visit: <u>https://dia.coj.net/</u> <u>Meetings/DDRB-Meetings/20230413\_DDRB-Meeting</u>
- APRIL 19, 2023: Downtown Investment Authority Board Meeting. For more information, visit: <u>https://dia.coj.net/</u> <u>Meetings/DIA-Meetings/2023/20230419\_DIA-Board-Meeting</u>