



EAST BATON ROUGE
REDEVELOPMENT
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**Meeting of
East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority
Board of Commissioners**

MINUTES	OCTOBER 19, 2017	9:00 A.M.	801 NORTH BLVD BATON ROUGE, LA 70802
MEETING CALLED BY	John Noland		
TYPE OF MEETING	Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting		
NOTE TAKER	Tara Titone, RDA		
ATTENDEES	<p>Attending Board Members: John Noland, Chairman; Van Mayhall, Vice Chairman; Dr. James Llorens, Secretary; Rodney Braxton</p> <p>Also attending: Gwen Hamilton, RDA Interim CEO; Tara Titone, RDA Director; Amanda Wells, RDA Attorney, Baker Donelson; Dyke Nelson, Weinstein-Nelson; Brian LaFleur, Developer; Perry Franklin, Franklin and Assoc.; Rachel Diresto, CPEX; Samuel Sanders, MCRA; Eric Dexter, Civil Solutions; Davis Rhorer, DDD; Rex Cabaniss, WHLC; Sam Karlin, BR Business Report; Tim Boone, The Advocate; Evelyn Ware, Red Stick Project; Bryan Jones and James Frye, HNTB; Ray Manning, Manning Architects</p>		
	CALL TO ORDER		JOHN NOLAND
DISCUSSION	The meeting was called to order by Mr. Noland at 9:03 a.m.		
	APPROVAL OF MINUTES		JOHN NOLAND
DISCUSSION	The Board reviewed the minutes from the September 21, 2017 meeting and took no issue.		
CONCLUSIONS	Mr. Braxton moved to approve the minutes, and Mr. Mayhall seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.		
	FINANCIAL UPDATE		VANESSA GRAHAM
DISCUSSION	Mrs. Graham provided the board with a September 2017 profit and loss statement, cash flow statement for the period, and a 2017 cash flow summary.		
	RAIL STATION PLANNING GRANT		TARA TITONE/ HNTB
CONCLUSIONS	Mr. Braxton made a motion to move the Rail Station Proposal Presentation up on the agenda with the discussion on the RDA CEO candidate to follow. Dr. Llorens seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.		
DISCUSSION	Ms. Titone gave a brief background into the rail station planning project and the selection process, introducing several members of the Selection Committee who were responsible for shortlisting the HNTB team for the project. Bryan Jones and James Frye with HNTB gave a brief presentation on their proposal for the rail station planning project, focusing on local knowledge and understanding, community engagement, quality design, and implementation. Mr. Frye gave three examples of relevant representative projects and briefly discussed their timeline proposal, to occur over a 12-month period. Mr. Jones outlined the team who will consist of key representatives from HNTB, Stantec, Franklin and Associates, Manning Architects, and Center for Neighborhood Technology. Mr. Noland stated that this		

	recommendation comes from a Selection Committee deeply steeped in these issues. Mr. Mayhall stated that he was pleased with the process and the selection criteria that was used to vet the teams.
CONCLUSIONS	Mr. Mayhall moved to adopt a resolution to authorize RDA staff to negotiate and execute additional documents with HNTB to permit the commencement of the Rail Station Planning Project. Dr. Llorens seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
	EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CANDIDATE FOR CEO
CONCLUSIONS	Mr. Mayhall made a motion to approve an executive session to discuss Chris Tyson as candidate for the RDA CEO. Dr. Llorens seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
	NAME CEO
	JOHN NOLAND
DISCUSSION	Mr. Mayhall stated that he had reviewed Mr. Tyson’s resume and through their discussion, he was impressed with Mr. Tyson and his credentials. Mr. Noland stated that he was excited to have Mr. Tyson join the quest. Dr. Llorens thanked Mrs. Hamilton for stepping in to bring the RDA through a difficult situation.
CONCLUSIONS	Mr. Mayhall made a motion to extend an offer of employment to Chris Tyson in January 2018 or as near as schedules would permit, and to authorize Mr. Noland to negotiate the terms of hire. Dr. Llorens seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
	NEW BUSINESS, PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURNMENT
	JOHN NOLAND
NEW BUSINESS	No new business.
PUBLIC COMMENT	Mr. Sanders announced that Mrs. Hamilton would be recognized as an honoree at Mid-City Redevelopment Alliance’s Legacy By Lights Celebration on Thursday, October 26 th at 5:30pm and that Board members and members of the public were welcome.
ADJOURNMENT	Mr. Noland adjourned the meeting at 10:19 am.

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