Ferriday Downtown Entertainment District Quarterly Meeting October 17, 2024

Board Members Present: Rebecca M. Brown, Shaun Davis, C. Travis Johnson, Brooke Roberts, Brittney V. Scott, Ashley Skipper & Ahren Williams

Visitors Present: Alvin Garrison, Brennan Smith, Chris Chatman & Doretha Cook

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm by Representative Johnson. The prayer was led by Ahren Williams. The roll was called and a quorum was present to conduct business.

Elections were held for positions for the Ferriday Downtown Entertainment District. The positions of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer were voted upon. Ms. Skipper made a motion to nominate C. Travis Johnson for Chair. This vote passed 7-0. Rep. Johnson made a motion to nominate Shaun Davis for Vice Chair. This vote passed 7-0. Ms. Skipper made a motion to nominate Brittney V. Scott for Secretary/Treasurer. This vote passed 7-0.

Representative Johnson gave a thorough overview of Ferriday Downtown Entertainment District and how it will benefit the town and business owners of the parish. He also went over Act 200 that was passed which allowed the creation of the Ferriday Downtown Entertainment District.

New Business:

- Approval of Constitutions/Bylaws
 - Amendments to Page 1 adding 2nd & 3rd Street to the perimeter of the Ferriday Downton Entertainment District; motion made by Rep. Johnson and 2nd by Ms. Scott
 - Motion to approve with necessary corrections made by Mr. Williams and 2nd by Ms. Skipper; motion carried
- Resolution for EIN
 - Motion made by
- Resolution for Banking Account
 - \circ Motion made by Mrs. Brown and 2nd by Mr. Davis; motion carried
- Resolution to form Smart Park Plan
 - Amendment to correct wording to..." herby authorize the chair to form a committee for Smart Park Committee...; motion made by Rep. Johnson and 2nd by Ms. Roberts
 - Motion to approve with necessary corrections made by Ms. Roberts and 2nd by Mrs. Brown; motion carried
- Resolution to Allow Delta Economic Research & Sustainability to apply for Grants for Ferriday Downtown Entertainment District
 - Motion made by Ms. Brown and 2nd by Mr. Williams; motion carried

- Resolution to Request Town of Ferriday to jointly approve occupational licenses
 - Item to be presented to the Board of Alderman at the December Town of Ferriday Town Hall meeting
 - \circ Motion made by Mr. Williams and 2^{nd} by Mr. Davis; motion carried
- Resolution to Create Downtown Grant Program
 - Motion made by Mrs. Brown and 2nd by Ms. Skipper; motion carried
- Resolution to Apply for Clearance Program
 - Amendment to correct wording of heading from "Occupational License to Ferriday Clearance Program"; motion made by Rep. Johnson and 2nd by Ms. Skipper
 - Motion to approve with necessary corrections made by Mr. Davis and 2nd by Mr. Williams; motion carried

Representative Johnson presented his chair's report which contained ideas and committees that will be created in the future to help ensure that the Ferriday Downtown Entertainment District thrives. The board also visited the website (<u>www.ferridaydistrict.com</u>) for the Entertainment District and reviewed its mission.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 pm.

