

**CITY OF EUHARLEE
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES**

April 13, 2026, 9:00AM

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Chris Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

ROLL CALL – Chris Fitzgerald - Chair, Todd Moore, and Zach Tyree, present. Katie Gobbi - Community and Economic Development Director and Barbara Ford and Betty Jane Tilley from the Euharlee Historical Society were also present. Crystal Kimberly, Chelsie Downing, and Butch Emerson, not presented. A quorum was not present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No public comments.

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Gobbi provided updates on:

- Food Truck Friday scheduled for May 8 with sponsor H&H Realty and Carl and the Floor Walkers performing
- Posting of a part-time DDA Coordinator position
- Current DDA board vacancy and anticipated application from Gary Chahan

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Carnival By The Creek – Discussion included:

- Planning efforts for the May 30 Carnival by the Creek event, including vendors, sponsorships, carnival games, and entertainment;
- Vendor capacity and electrical accommodations at Osborne Park;
- Potential participation by the Euharlee Historical Society through children’s activities and educational materials
- Staff asked for assistance with sponsorships

Sponsored Brick Project – Mr. Tyree presented information regarding a proposed engraved brick fundraising project in partnership with the Euharlee Historical Society and Council Member Greg Free’s veterans memorial initiative.

Discussion included:

- Brick vendor and pricing options
- Corporate logo upgrades
- Potential sidewalk improvements and veterans memorial funding
- Sidewalk design concepts and maintenance considerations
- Possible memorial locations and naming concepts

- Eligibility criteria for memorial bricks
- Research of similar memorial programs in Adairsville
- Potential project promotion during the May 30 Carnival by the Creek event

Discussion was also held regarding potential installation costs and future bid requirements.

Granary Building Discussion

Betty Jane Tilley discussed concerns regarding the DDA's recommendation related to the granary building.

Staff clarified that City Council requested DDA input regarding the granary and library buildings. Discussion included:

- Estimated rehabilitation and ADA compliance costs
- Historic preservation funding opportunities
- Coordination with the Historic Preservation Commission
- Preservation challenges for historic structures
- Community interest in preserving historic properties
- Alternative Festival of Trees locations if needed

Members emphasized continued collaboration regarding future decisions involving historic properties.

No votes or actions were taken.

ADJOURN – The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.