

# **Bowdon Downtown Development Authority**

Minutes

December 7, 2021

Bowdon Municipal Building

6:00 pm

Meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm, by Chair Keith Barker.

Present: Keith Barker, Rob Messer, Ashlon Johnson, Michael Ock, Cindy Moss, Jan Gibbs

Minutes were distributed from the October meeting. Michael Ock made a motion to accept the minutes as written, move was seconded by Cindy Moss, unanimous approval followed.

Financial Report: Cindy Moss reported that the bank account had been opened and checks had been ordered.

Keith Barker- Reported on his attendance at the October City Council Work Session. He reported on his discussion with the city council about the transfer of the Wedowee Street property, the old "mule barn," which will be transferred from the city's possession to the DDA. Keith discussed with the city council his feelings about the importance of keeping buildings in good repair and asked the council to require strict enforcement of city codes, pointing out that property values decrease when property is allowed to continue in a state of blight.

The DDA discussed the need to replace the current Heritage Park structure, and all agreed that it will be a priority for the DDA in the coming year.

Strategic Planning date- March 9, Location TBD

Next Meeting- January 4, 2022, Municipal Building, 6 pm

Other Business: Jan Gibbs told the group about a training opportunity, Mobilize Main Street, which will take place in March. She agreed to email the information to the group, and encouraged any who were interested to plan to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Gibbs

