

# **DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF OXFORD**

Minutes – February 28, 2019

**MEMBERS:** Ms. Loren Roberts, Vice-Chair; Mr. Jonathan Eady, Mr. Mike Ready, and Ms. Danielle Miller. Mr. Mark McGiboney, Mr. Brian Barnard, and Ms. Martha Molyneux were absent.

**STAFF:** Matthew Pepper, city manager and DDA secretary/treasurer.

**GUESTS:** Lisa Williams, Lisa Dorward, Dave Huber, and Nicholas Cole.

**OPENING:** At 7:05 PM, Ms. Roberts called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Upon motion of Mr. Eady, seconded by Mr. Ready, the minutes for the meeting on January 24, 2018 were approved. The vote was 4 – 0.

**DISCUSSION ON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT ALONG HWY 81:** The DDA members tabled this item for further discussion at the next meeting held on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Mr. Huber presented to the DDA members a list of concerns from homeowners living near the city's proposed E. Clark Street Development project. Mr. Huber asked that the city provide interested residents with a copy of the agenda and the minutes before each DDA meeting. The DDA members explained the city's plans to extend E. Clark Street and eventually build housing on the property abutting Orna Villa (1008 Emory Street). The DDA members also explained the current status of the E. Clark Street Development project. In addition, the DDA members shared information with the citizen group regarding their most recent discussions for the town center development located along SR 81/Emory Street.

Mr. Ready informed the DDA members that the Council's Yarbrough House Committee met with the historic preservation team from the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission (NEGRC) to discuss the next steps for the house and the property. Mr. Ready explained that the NEGRC team would visit the site soon and then make a recommendation to the committee on how to best proceed with preserving the house and the property. The DDA members asked that Mr. Ready share with them any concept plans or other pertinent information regarding the restoration of the Yarbrough House.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Ms. Roberts adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Approved by:

Matthew Pepper, Secretary/Treasurer