Infrastructure Committee Minutes

November 11, 2024

A scheduled Infrastructure Committee meeting of Visit Baton Rouge was held on Monday, November 11, 2024 at 359 Third Street.

Present:

Scott Michelet Mary Stein Marty Engquist

Present but not participating in formal action:

Jill Kidder, Staff Lauralyn Maranto, Staff Danielle Prejean, Staff Lisa Nice, GFP Architects & Design Shaun Toups, Government Consultants, Inc. Claude Reynaud, Board Member Stephen Hightower, Board Member Gary Jupiter, Board Member

Scott Michelet called the meeting to order.

Lisa Nice reviewed the potential budget for the project as well as a timeline. Lisa will provide a full service agreement (contract) for attorney's to review. Once a decision is made, she will get started on the design phase and go into design layout which will take 2-3 months.

Since Mack Gregorie was unable to attend, he emailed Lauralyn Maranto a timeline relating to the purchase of the building which Ms. Maranto provided to the committee.

Shaun Toups reported that he met with Investar Bank, Jill Kidder, Lauralyn Maranto, and Danielle Prejean. Along with Investar, Mr. Toups reported that several banks were interested in the project.

Discussion was held regarding the future of tax credits. Ms. Maranto will schedule a Zoom meeting with Kelly Longwell, Mack Gregorie, Lisa Nice, Shawn Toups, Scott Michelet, Mary Stein, Jill Kidder, Lauralyn Maranto and Danielle Prejean to discuss these credits.

The Committee will meet again on Monday, December 9, 2025.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.