



**DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY  
RETAIL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE  
AGENDA**

**City Hall at St. James Building  
117 W. Duval Street, Jacksonville, FL. 32202  
3<sup>RD</sup> Floor, Conference Room C  
Wednesday, March 21, 2018 – 1:00 P.M.**

Oliver Barakat, Chair  
Jack Meeks, Committee Member  
Brenna Durden, Esq., Committee Member

## **RETAIL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

<b>I.</b>	<b>CALL TO ORDER – Committee Chairman Barakat</b>
<b>II.</b>	<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>
	A. REP-2016-001– Dogtopia, 1075 Hendricks Avenue
<b>III.</b>	<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>
<b>IV.</b>	<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
<b>V.</b>	<b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b>
<b>VI.</b>	<b>ADJOURN</b>



**Downtown Investment Authority  
Retail Enhancement Program Committee  
City Hall at St. James  
117 West Duval St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Conf Rm C  
Wednesday, March 21, 2018 – 1:00 p.m.**

**REP Committee Minutes**

**Board Members Present:** Oliver Barakat, DIA Chair, Board Member Brenna Durden and Jack Meeks

**DIA Staff Present:** Tom Daly, Jim Klement, and Jackie Mott

**Office of General Counsel:** Not Present

**Office of the Mayor:** None

**Next meeting:** TBD

**I. Call to Order – Committee Chairman Barakat**

A quorum was confirmed and REP Committee Chairman Barakat called the Retail Enhancement Committee meeting to order at approximately 1:00 p.m.

**II. Action Items**

**A. REP APPLICATION 2016-001- Dogtopia**

Jim Klement provided an overview of application REP 2018-001, Dogtopia, located at 1075 Hendricks Avenue, Jacksonville, FL. 32207, Owners: Ali and Addie Kasraeian.

REP Application 2016-004: specifics are identified below:

<b>Project asks and Amount:</b>	<b>\$78,000</b>
<b>Total Project Costs:</b>	<b>\$981,872</b>
<b>Landlord Funded:</b>	<b>\$139,200</b>

A handout of the Staff Report, Evaluation Criteria and Application were provided in the meeting packet.

Addie and Ali Kasraeian, applicants were present. They constantly reside in the Peninsular and shared concerns from the community of where they would bring their dog

when traveling. The idea stemmed from Dogtopia and wanted to have a location in the downtown area.

Jim Klement stated that the project came before the DDRB.

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**A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER DURDEN AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER BARAKAT TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL FOR THE MODIFICATION OF REP #2016-004 REVISED AMENDMENT REQUEST INCREASING THE FORGIVABLE LOAN AMOUNT OF \$32,000.006.47; SUBJECT TO:**

- 1. Applicant to obtain appropriate permits within 6 months of final program document approval and executed agreements with DIA**
- 2. Applicant to have all work completed within a 6 month period from final program document approval and executed agreements with DIA**
- 3. Applicant may receive up to a 6 month period extension to comply with final program document approval and DIA executed agreements**
- 4. The forgivable loan will be secured by a personal guarantee of the applicant in the event of a default under the program or funding agreement.**

**THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 2-0-0.**

Mr. Honeycutt mentioned if could tap into same waterline that Cowford had to tap into mainline for sprinklers. JEA would be the most expensive cost of installing the sprinkler system.

Jim Klement will inquire with staff.

Committee Chairman Barakat suggested an update to understand if JEA is at the table. Mr. Barakat inquired about parking issues. The applicants stated that most of their client's park in the surface parking lot owned by LAZ

Committee Chairman Barakat pointed out with all of the mechanized parking systems; you would think it would not cost too much to have one floor open on a Friday or Saturday night for Cowford, 1904 Music Hall and Bold City.

Board Member Durden is an advocate of shared parking or open access and considered a report brought by staff. Jim Klement suggested a brief discussion to the full board.

Committee Chairman Barakat stated that it was just a matter of staff communicating with the private owners by encouraging them to be cooperative.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Committee Chairman Barakat adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:29 a.m.

The next meeting will be determined

*The written minutes for this meeting are only an overview of what was discussed. For verbatim comments of this meeting, an audio CD is available upon request. Please contact Karen Underwood, at (904) 630-3492 or by email at [karenu@coj.net](mailto:karenu@coj.net)*