



Minutes from Downtown Stockton Alliance Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, August 24, 2011, at 3:30 p.m.
at the Downtown Stockton Alliance Conference Room,
343 E. Main St., 1st Fl. Stockton, CA

Board of Directors Present: Chair Mahesh Ranchhod, Vice-Chair Mahala Burns, Secretary Benjamin Saffold, Treasurer Jim Donaldson, Kevin Dougherty, Robert Davis, Karl Gassner, Rick Goucher, David Gould, Zac Cort, Damian Glick

Board of Directors Excused Absence: Anthony Barkett, Lisa Lee, Doug Egbert, Elaine Saculla

Ex-Officio Members Present: Debbie Hernandez, Fire Marshall Matt Duaiame, Mayor Ann Johnson,

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Steve Stevenson, Carl Brooking, Mark Martinez, Doris Unsod, Stacey Mortensen, Susan Carson, Dick McClure, Supervisor Carlos Villapudua, Paul Rapp, Dennis Lee, Bob Deis, Janice Miller, Alicia Arong, Councilmember Susan Eggman

Visitors: George Rodriguez, Erica Plumb

Staff: Tim Kerr, Emily Baime, Mimi Nguyen, Charisse Lowry, Chris Kotsoglou, Nick Trulsson

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – Chair Mahesh Ranchhod
 - Meeting was called to order at 3:39 p.m.
2. Public Comments
 - Wes Rhea thanked the Alliance staff for all of the help and support for Restaurant Week
3. Approval of Financials for July and Mid Year Budget Review
 - M. Nguyen Reported on the July Financials and Mid Year Budget Review
 - A motion was made/seconded (M. Burns/K. Gassner) to approve July financials and the Mid Year Budget Review. The motion passed with all I's, No nay's, No abstains
4. Consent Calendar
 - a. Approval of Minutes for June
 - b. Purchase of Tower Lights
 - c. DSA Equipment Use Policy
 - d. DSA Employee 401k Match and Part Time Employee Compensatory Time Off

- A motion was made/seconded (K. Dougherty/D. Glick) to approve the items on the Consent Calendar for August. The motion passed with all I's, No nay's, No abstains
5. Old Business
- a. Develop Work Plan from Summit Feedback
 - T. Kerr reported on developing and progress of the work plan
6. Staff Reports
- a. Rescind Accounting RFP Process
 - T. Kerr reports that the search for a bookkeeper has been canceled and that the Bank of Stockton Trust will continue to be used in the monetary operations of the DSA as they have been in the past .
 - A motion was made/seconded (R. Davis/Z. Cort) to approve the continued use of Bank of Stockton Trust Department. The motion passed with all I's, No nay's, No abstains
 - b. Review of Strategic Plan
 - T. Kerr reported on the goals set forth in the Strategic Plan and the progress to date
 - A motion was made/seconded (M. Burns/Z. Cort) to approve the Strategic Plan. The motion passed with all I's, No nay's, No abstains
 - c. Proposal to review City Codes
 - R. Davis reported on the building fees, fire codes and how they could kill building sales. He stated that adaptive re-use codes should also be researched.
 - A motion was made/seconded (R. Goucher/R. Davis) to approve using George Rodriguez as a consultant on the different City codes, with a draft of his findings presented in thirty days. The motion passed with all I's, No nay's, No abstains
 - d. Discussion of DSA Involvement in Political Campaigns and Appointments
 - M. Ranchhod reported that it was important for the DSA to take on the advocate role for our stakeholders and to take a stand on issues when necessary
 - A motion was made/seconded (K. Dougherty/B. Saffold) to approve the continued use of Bank of Stockton Trust Department. The motion passed with I's (M. Ranchhod, M. Burns, B. Saffold, J. Donaldson, K. Dougherty, R. Davis, D. Gould, D. Glick, R. Goucher, Z. Cort) 1nay (K. Gassner) No abstains
 - e. Downtown Wide Open House
 - E. Baime reported that the concept of the Downtown Wide Open House would be to showcase properties in the Downtown area and to bring people downtown on the weekend
 - A motion was made/seconded (R. Davis/K. Gassner) to approve the Downtown Wide Open House. The motion passed with all I's, 1nay's, No abstains
7. Committee Reports
- a. Finance Committee
 - Committee activity was reflected in item 3 and 6a
 - b. Administrative Committee
 - None
 - c. Economic Development & Housing Committee

- R. Davis reported on the PD Fundraiser and the finding of funding for the restoration of the old hotels in the Downtown
 - M. Burns reported that the second bid has been put in for the Land Hotel to be torn down and the area paved for a parking lot
- d. Safety Committee
- B. Saffold reported on the pan handling problem in the Downtown area
8. Board Items for Future Consideration
- CCG meeting is scheduled for September 12th
9. Board Comment
- Several board members expressed concern with degree of communication between board members and DSA staff
 - A motion was made/seconded (R. Davis/D. Gould) to refer Board Committee Policy and Guidelines to Administrative Committee. The motion passed with all I's, No nay's, No abstains
10. Adjournment
- The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.