



Minutes

Downtown Stockton Alliance Board of Directors' Meeting
Wednesday, August 19, 2009, 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 Steve Stevenson, Vice-Chair Mahala Burns, Secretary Mahesh Ranchhod, Treasurer Jim Donaldson, David Qualls, Corie Coleman-Maxwell, Kevin Dougherty, Joe Draegert, Doug Egbert

Board of Directors Excused Absence: Peter Gutierrez, Jeroen Gerrese

Ex-Officio Members Present: Dick McClure, Don Smail, Dave Harzoff, Alicia Arong

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Carl Brooking, Mark Martinez, Doris Unsod, Robert Holzer, Mayor Ann Johnston, Susan Eggman, Gordon Palmer, Stacey Mortensen, Paul Rapp

Other: Victor Constantino, Nate Knodt, Ron Ferrario, Kris Johnson, Mike Niblock, Rebecca Knodt, Rosalio Estrada, Stacey Franco

Staff: Dennis Smallie, Emily Baime, Mimi Nguyen, Nick Trulsson, Charisse Lowry

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call - Chair Steve Stevenson
 - Meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m.
2. Public Comments
 - A. Arong reminded the board that the Stockton Arts Commission would be celebrating the 32nd annual arts awards at the Civic Auditorium on September 11, 2009. She also reminded everyone that the ribbon cutting for the new San Joaquin County Administration building would be held August 21, 2009.
3. Approval of Minutes of July 15, 2009

A motion was made/seconded (C.Coleman-Maxwell/Ranchhod) to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2009 meeting as presented. The motion passed with all I's, No nay's, No abstains

4. Approval of Financial Statements.

- The financials were discussed and M. Nguyen explained the new budget narrative. (see attachments)

A motion was made/seconded (M. Burns/J. Donaldson) to approve the Financials. The motion passed with all I's, No nay's, No abstains

5. Discuss the Stockton Collegiate International School Plan

- M. Burns reported that she had met with ERC and the school proposal would be going to City Council within the week. Student pick-up, drop-off and parking were still in the planning stage. The school would consist of around 1,200 students and 50 teachers, opening set for September 2010. D. Smallie explained that the school is not the same as the One schools, these kids are gifted. The school will bring more people to downtown, parents dropping off their children may want to shop and eat downtown, parents that work downtown may want to have their children close to them, it is within two blocks of the SJRTD bus station, it could spur the desire for housing downtown. J. Draegert stated that the school would be a tremendous advantage for the downtown area. A. Arong inquired if the info about the school had been sent out to the downtown property and business owners.

A motion was made/seconded (D. Qualls/J. Draegert) to approve support for the Stockton Collegiate International School Plan. The motion passed with all I's, No nay's, No abstains

6. Update on Electric Chariot

- S. Stevenson informed the board that the vote taken at the last meeting was void and null because that price given for the T3 was \$3,000 higher than previously quoted. E. Baime stated that sponsorships would help offset the additional money. D. Qualls wanted to know about the upkeep for the T3. N. Trulsson explained that the T3 has a one year warranty and most repairs can be done by the DSA maintenance staff. D. Qualls stated that bikes would be better than the T3. D. Smallie stated that not all of the employees could ride bikes and the T3 could cover more area in a short amount of time.

A motion was made/seconded (M. Burns/M.Ranchhod) to approve the purchase of the T3. The motion passed with I's (S. Stevenson, M. Burns, J. Donaldson, M. Ranchhod, K. Dougherty, C. Coleman-Maxwell, Joe Draegert) 2 Nay's (D. Egbert/ D. Qualls) No abstains

7. Item of Discussion: Complaints regarding elimination of Food Vendors at Farmers Market

- S. Stevenson reported that the Farmers Market had suffered during the trial period of no food vendors, attendance was down, vendors were talking about dropping out of the market. E. Baime stated that the downtown restaurants

were given every opportunity to participate at the market. The DSA had offered free booth space, free staffing and equipment. Numerous petitions, letters and people calling the Alliance for the return of the food vendors showed just how much people enjoyed the Farmers Market.

A motion was made/seconded (C. Coleman-Maxwell/J. Draegert) to approve the return of food vendors to the Downtown Farmers Market. The motion passed with all I's, No nay's, No abstains

8. Appointment of Ex-Officio Members

- S. Stevenson stated that an Ad-hoc committee would be formed to determine and decide on ex-officio members.

9. Staff Reports

- Reports were presented by E. Baime and M. Nguyen (see attachments)

10. Strategic Planning Meeting

- S. Stevenson stated that a questionnaire will be sent out to all property & business owners and the information will be compiled into a report ready for the next meeting in October.

11. Update on current issues from City and County agency representatives

- D. Smail reported that no date has been set for the opening of the new Waterfront Marina.

12. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.