



Downtown Stockton Alliance Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 3:30 pm
125 Bridge Pl 3rd Fl. Stockton, CA

Board of Directors Present: Chair Mahala Burns, Vice-Chair Doug Egbert, Treasurer Wes Rhea, David Garcia, Micah Runner, Jacob Benguerel, Kari McNickel, Anthony Barkett, Giovanni Trinchera, Debbie Vallejo, Marcia Cunningham, Jared Rusten, Kendra Clark

Board of Directors absent: Secretary Nate Knodt

Guests: Eric Lee, Melissa Van Diepen, Monica Ojcius

Staff: Cindi Fargo, Charisse Lowry, Sylwia Qualls, Courtney Wood

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

- Meeting was called to order at 3:35pm

2. Public Comments

- Eric Lee co-owner of Cast Iron Trading Co. stated that the dumpsters in Budd Alley should be taken out and replaced due to all of the garbage being thrown all in the alley. C. Fargo reported that the process for removing the dumpsters and replacing them with a compactor has been ongoing.
- Melissa Van Diepen from the Community Hospice Foundation reported on the different programs that they have and stated the Over the Edge event that was held last year will be held again this year on October 21st, and 22nd. Melissa stated that she would like the DSA to become more involved with the event.
- L. Borgens updated the board on the major areas of problems and damage. Discussion on putting security guard in the cinema on a trial basis for a month. The schedule is from 10am – 4pm Tuesday through Saturday to combat the panhandling and homeless in the plaza. Discussion on what can be done on private property vs. public property. C. Fargo would like to see the plaza become private so more can be done to address those issues.

3. Consent Calendar

- Approval of April Financials as recommended by Finance Committee
- Acceptance of Committee Minutes –April Board Minutes included in packet and posted online. Admin. Finance Minutes will be presented at the meeting. Econ Dev. and Clean and Safe minutes are on line
- A motion was made by (W. Rhea/D. Garcia) to approve all consent items. The motion was passed unanimously

4. Recertification Update – Kristen Lowell by phone
 - K. Lowell reported on the meeting at city council for the recertification. There was no opposition concerning the recertification. The city clerk will mail out the ballots to the property owners. The next hearing will be on July 25, when the ballots will be opened and counted by the city clerk. Cindi stated that this will be the most important time for board involvement. Staff will distribute the contact information for Board Members to pick who they will call to encourage support for the recertification.
5. Debris and Algae at the River Channel End – Action - Mention to request the City regularly clean the Channel End
 - C. Fargo reported on the trash and algae in the channel end. C. Fargo reported that she had been in conversation with the City about the problem. She had also asked A. Barkett if he could get involved. C. Fargo states it should be done on a regular basis. W. Rhea wanted to know if it was the responsibility of the City for the upkeep of the channel. M. Runner stated that it was the city and reported on the baseline service that they could offer. Discussion on cost and ways to achieve the constant cleanup effort.
6. Temporary Security Patrol for the Plaza – Cindi
 - C. Fargo reported on the problems in the cinema with panhandlers, people smoking pot, doing drugs. Discussion on adding another security guard in the cinema on a trial basis for a month. The schedule would be from 10am – 4pm Tuesday through Saturday to combat the panhandling in the plaza. Discussion on what can be done on private property vs. public property. C. Fargo encouraged discussion of the plaza becoming private so more can be done to address those issues.
7. Committee Updates
 - No Updates
8. Future Items for Board Consideration
 - Date for board retreat – Staff to get dates/locations – earlier the better.
9. Adjournment
 - Meeting was adjourned at 5:08pm