



Downtown Stockton Alliance Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 3:30 pm
125 Bridge Pl 3rd Fl. Stockton, CA

Board of Directors Present: Chair Kari McNickle, Vice-Chair Rudi Blondia, Secretary Matt Amen, Mahala Burns, Marcia Cunningham, Tina McCarty, Sgt. Stephen Kihithau

Board of Directors Absent: Bejan Broukhim, Lisa Chalk-Frausto, Megan Cort, Carlos Jimenez, Dan Dixon, Bejan Broukhim

Staff: Michael Huber, Charisse Lowry, Courtney Wood

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
 - Meeting was called to order at 3:38pm
2. Public Comments
 - No Comments
3. Executive Director's Report
 - M. Huber reported that A. McBride left her position at the DSA and will now be working for United Way of San Joaquin. He introduced her replacement and former intern J. Nguyen. M. Huber also reported on the deconstruction of Chung Wah/Mun Kwok Lane. He also stated that all of the mosaic tiles would be re-done, completion date scheduled for November 1st. M. Huber stated that the project was funded 100% by outside service contracts. They plan on having the Chinese New Year there on February 13th, 2021.
4. Approval of Financial Statements and Minutes – Action Item
 - M. Huber clarified 2 budget items that were in question by the Admin/Finance Committee. Item 1 was the improvement district refund. The 2nd item was tree trimming for the cinema plaza. Since we will no longer have these things in the future, the line items will be removed.
 - A motion was made by (M. Burns/T. McCarty) to approve the financials and minutes. The motion was passed with all I's (K. McNickle, T. McCarty, M. Amen, R. Blondia, M. Burns, M. Cunningham, S. Kihithau)
5. 3% Assessment Increase – Action Item
 - M. Huber reported that he would like to ask the board to approve a 3% increase in the assessments for next year. He stated that part of the assessment increase would be used for the increase in minimum wage in 2021. He stated that last year was the first time the assessments had been increased by 5%, and by asking for a 3% each year it would be easier on the property owners. K. McNickle reported on the discussions on this item in the Admin/Finance Committee. The 3% increase would total to about 30k. T. McCarty and M. Cunningham both stated that the economic hardships brought on by COVID19 towards businesses and property owners may be a cause to be sympathetic and not do the 3% increase. C. Wood reported that the City had received 28 million dollars for the care act funding for downtown businesses. M. Burns stated the property owners did not want the increase.

- A motion was made by (T. McCarty/M. Cunningham) to not do the 3% increase in assessments for 2021. The motion was passed with all I's (T. McCarty, M. Amen, R. Blondia, M. Burns, M. Cunningham, S. Kihlthau, K. McNickel)

6. Future Items for Discussion

- K. McNickel reported on 3 new candidates for the board. They will come to the August meeting to introduce themselves and give a brief history of themselves.

7. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 4:03pm