



HISTORIC RAILROAD SQUARE ASSOCIATION

Community Benefit District

Board Meeting

Thursday, June 18, 2020

Teleconference Zoom

Topic: Railroad Square Association Board Meeting

Time: June 18, 2020 12:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

MINUTES - Meeting by ZOOM Teleconference

1. CALL TO ORDER – Mike Montague called the meeting to order at 12 noon. Those present:
- 2.0 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR ABSTENTIONS- none
- 3.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS : Lois Fisher, community member and force behind the “Put the Square in Railroad Square” presented a brief slideshow featuring suggestions for ways to activate the street and Depot Park in the short term including Parklets on 4th and temporary changes to the Depot Parking lot. Lois will make formal presentation at a subsequent board meeting.
- 4.0 CONSENT ITEMS
- 3.1 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – May 21, 2020 - Minutes were clarified re: Item # 6.1- Authorization for the Exec Committee to approve contracts up to a cumulative stated value not exceeding (ex) 25% of our annual budget, and consistent with the adopted Management Plan. Corrected minutes: *“The Executive Committee may approve contracts up to \$10,000 per contract not to exceed \$10,000 in the aggregate and only if the contract is consistent with the Board adopted budget. Executive Committee will subsequently report out to the Board.” The corrected minutes were moved Paul/seconded Hugh and passed unanimously.*

5.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mike Montague

5.1 Security company report: Company submitting good reports

- Break-ins were reported: Miracle Plum (professional break-in, took security cameras, wine, beer, cash box, etc) but did not destroy anything else, Jack & Tony's had attempted break-in with crow bar, but was not successful; Paul reported that his warehouse was tagged above the anti-graffiti paint line with a pump sprayer.
- Good news reports: La Gare has set up out-door dining in their Alley, Grossmans has patio area on the adjacent lot with umbrellas and picnic tables socially distanced and word is that the AC Marriott will aim for opening mid-July

5.2 Emergency Meeting with the DAO and Mayor re encampments under the freeway and Depot Park: Hugh reported on the joint meeting with the DAO and RRSQ executive Boards and the Mayor and other City leaders to specifically address the encampments under the freeway and the increasing public health issues. Since then the timeline has been moved out twice because of protests engulfing the City and the presence of 2 COVID positive transients. SoCo Public Health officers intervened and will work out the protocols with the City and will most likely begin testing all people located in the encampments. When that is successfully accomplished, a new clean-up date will be announced.

5.3 New schedule of clean-up and police procedures -TBA

6.0 FINANCIAL REPORT - Hugh Futrell

6.1- Review current income and expenses May 2020 totaling \$178,600 in the bank with payment to the security company on June 1st.

7.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1- Brown Act Training – Rafael – The City Clerk (Eileen) has set up a ZOOM meeting for Wednesday, July 8 from 4-5:30 PM for a training session for RRSQ Board members. All were encouraged to attend. Eileen will send out the details prior to meeting. Rafael is the point person.

8.0 OTHER DISCUSSIONS

7.1 Downtown Pilot Project – Dee reported that Santa Rosa will be closing 4th Street downtown to vehicle traffic as a way to lure wary customers and diners back into the heart of the city amid the coronavirus pandemic. Restaurants will be allowed to spill onto the sidewalks and into parking spaces to help make up for the social distancing restrictions in place. Programming of Courthouse Square and the 4h Street corridor will create an inviting and active experience. Three blocks of Fourth Street, between B and E streets, would be temporarily transformed into a pedestrian thoroughfare and plaza. This is a City driven pilot project in partnership with the DAO, The Engine is Red and Creative Sonoma. Opening scheduled for @ July 10th and will run through October.

7.2 Parking enforcement -Dee reported that Kim Nadeau, parking administrator, will be re-instating the parking meter street parking fees effective July 1, 2020 in an effort to regulate the all day use that has taken place during the free COVID parking hiatus. Parking under the freeway will be reduced to \$.75/hour, a 50% reduction from the street side parking. Everyone is encouraged to park in the lots under the freeway,

7.3 Report on issues/happenings in RRSQ by Board who will report out on projects

9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9.1 July work session to set priorities for rest of year

9.2 Lois Fisher presentation

10.0 ADJOURNMENT