



HISTORIC RAILROAD SQUARE ASSOCIATION /Community Benefit District

**RRSQ Association Board Meeting
Thursday, October 16, 2025 8:30 AM
Courtyard Marriott Hotel Conference Room: 175 Railroad St.**

Minutes

- 1. CALL TO ORDER, Mike Montague, called meeting to order at 8:40 am. Those present: Ann Galantine, Noelle Hermann, Theresa Tommasi, Gunnar Vega, Paul Quattrocchi, AJ Trombetta, Amanda Janik- ED, Scott Adair – City of Santa Rosa staff
Absent: Pauline Block, Tom Buckley, Jim McCalligan, Curt Nichols, Danielle Nelson, Dee Richardson**

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Rebecca Pennington of Energize Hot Yoga at 522 Wilson Street expressed her concerns on reopening the soup kitchen in her neighborhood. She has a staff of women employees that work from 5 AM through late night in an unsafe environment. Clients of the soup kitchen leave garbage and relieve themselves in potted plants and the organization running the business have no security guards or employees to clean the property when needed.**

- 3. GUESTS: Lt. Chris Mahurin & Captain Dan Marincik**
Explained how the city of Santa Rosa mans the various areas in town and what these officers are working with. Lt. Mahurin explained that he will visit all the areas when time and weather allow. There are possibilities of camera installation with City of Santa Rosa Police dispatch to monitor the videos.

- 4. CONSENT ITEMS**
4.1 September Minutes - Minutes to be corrected as mentioned and moved by Paul Quattrocchi and seconded by Noelle Hermann accepted by the Board

5. City of Santa Rosa Update – Scott Adair

5.1 The Economic Development department is hosting an event for new and future entrepreneurs; Business Expert Xpress for New & Emerging Businesses 10/20/2025 from 12:30 to 4 PM at Redwood Credit Union Administrative Office on Cleveland Avenue. There will be panels of experienced professionals on the following subjects:

- Access to capital
- Marketing and branding strategies
- Health and safety compliance
- Economic development services
- Small business development assistance
- Networking opportunities
- Accounting and financial services

5.2 The Economic Development Quarterly Report is available on at <https://www.srcity.org/m/newsflash/Home/Detail/3074>

5.3 Entertainment Zones, there will be a study session before the City Council in January, which would be great for all to attend. This session will probably go over the areas to be considered, how this project works and discussions on the concept.

6. PRESIDENT’S REPORT- Mike Montague + ED REPORT - Amanda Janik

Mike explained to all present that he has seen the permit issued to the new soup kitchen and explained to all present the following:

- The permit is issued for a certain amount of time and is renewable after the time period if all regulations were followed.
- Regulations include security guards to monitor clientele, garbage is cleaned up, no loitering by clientele, etc.

Scott offered to provide a copy of the actual permit for any of our board members.

7. Executive Director – Amanda Janik

7.1 No vacancies in Railroad Square. 101 4th Street, Leeza/ Wilson, Modern Luxe Lounge, 5th Street in Bike Monkey/Rollup Coffee + Volo Roaster, and building on 3rd Street is in escrow.

7.2 Parking department is offering free parking validation passes to businesses and parking permits for \$25 per month (until January 1st 2025) for lot under 6th Street overpass.

7.3 Amanda submitted a grant application to Sonoma County Tourism for funding the carriage rides during the Christmas holidays. Working on a potential grant with Kaiser.

7.4 Survey sent out earlier about Railroad Square businesses being open later got 70% people willing to increase hours in the future. Amanda will develop another survey with more detail, for days and times.

7.5 Art Walk sculpture should be going in today in Depot Park and we will be getting another sculpture that will be going near the AC Hotel.

7.6 Amanda walked with city employees to assess the need for more bike racks within the district.

7.7 There is a need for Board members.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT: Ann Galantine

Financial reports for September: monthly expenses with year to date costs, year to date cost versus budget and summary.

9. 2025 COMMITTEES & PROJECTS:

COMMITTEE UPDATES

9.1 Sidewalk/Trees – Noelle Herman

There are 2 trees in front of her property, one tree will have a recommended opening of 3' x 5' and the other opening can only have an opening of 3' x 4' opening due to an electrical box that is under that area of the sidewalk. Since that opening isn't recommended there will not be a tree at that location.

She has spoken to an arborist that feels that recommended 3' x 5' opening will not be large enough to support the tree in ten years. It was suggested by all in attendance to table the tree issue until next month.

9.2 Events – Amanda Janik

Fall Fun Fest 10/24/2025 will start at 3 PM with trick-treating starting at the Smart Train and continue on 4th Street stopping at each business along the way. We really need volunteers for this event.

Christmas Carriage rides start Black Friday through Christmas Eve.

Currently planning the next mixer and Lighting will be on 11/06/2025.

10. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned due to member leaving at 9:50 AM, no quorum.

Next Board meeting November 20, 2025 8:30am

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Our Mission is to enhance the district through economic and neighborhood well-being, safety, beautification, and promotion.