

# HISTORIC RAILROAD SQUARE ASSOCIATION /Community Benefit District

## RRSQ Association Board Meeting

Thursday, February 19th, 2026 8:30 AM

Courtyard Marriott Hotel Conference Room: 175 Railroad St.

### Minutes

1. **CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS:** Amanda Janik, ED called the meeting to order at 8:40 AM. Those present: Paul Quattrocchi, AJ Tombretta, Theresa Tommasi, Curt Nichols, Danielle Nelson, Noelle Hermann, Dee Richardson, Absent: Ann Galantine, Tom Buckley, Mike Montague.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** (limited to 2 minutes each)
3. **GUESTS:** Paul Schwartz-Corcoran Real Estate, Sharon Holton - Welfare League, Josh and Angel from The RRSQ Music Festival
4. **CONSENT ITEMS**
  - 4.1 January Minutes- the minutes were approved by Curt Nichiols, moved by Danielle Nelson and accepted unanimously by the Board.
- 5&6. **PRESIDENT'S and ED REPORTS** - Amanda in Mike's absence
  - 5.1 & 6.1 District updates –
    - All required reports due at this time by the City have been submitted
    - Amanda met with the Jesus Cares rep (Food Kitchen) to discuss neighborhood issues. City is in planning stages to convene a larger community meeting at City Hall TBA, and will address loitering, density of services, security issues, etc. Curt and Danielle will track activity.
    - The Welcome Center has announced that they will no longer make their restroom available to the community, citing safety and security issues. Discussion followed about the negative impact and impression this action will have on the RRSQ community. Questions of legality since the Welcome Center is a state authorized visitors center....RRSQ will send a letter to the Chamber and the City. Those present were also encouraged to send their concerns to the City.
    - Prince Greenway signage has been installed and now the PD can enforce the written rules, including hours open.
    - RRSQ check awarded from Security Enhancement Grant (\$25,000) will be arriving soon. Question of whether the permit fees are covered in that amount....
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7. **FINANCIAL REPORT** – In Ann’s absence, Curt will cover the budget for the Tree proposal under Infrastructure. Currently, there is \$120,000 in the account and will total @ \$243,000 when the balance of assessment funds are forwarded.

8. **2026 COMMITTEES & PROJECTS:**

**COMMITTEE UPDATES** (updates *only as needed*; limit 3 minutes)

- 8.1 Marketing-Danielle announced that the new pole banners will be installed March 7-10.

-Website refresh should be done by the end of March. We are currently out of contract with TIV and the new designer will be almost half the monthly price.

- 8.2 Events- Amanda announced the following:

-RRSQ Mixer on Wed. Feb 25 at Corcoran Real Estate in old Mechanics Bank location. Jacksons will be providing refreshments and Paul offered to provide food and wine from Corcoran as well. So far 40 sign-ups, including Scott and others from the City. Board encouraged to bring wine to share.

-Events committee decided not to participate in the Chambers Showcase because of price increase and that funding could be used toward the new Sip & Stroll events this summer. More details to follow.

-RRSQA is 50 years old and plans are forming for a Gala event this year!

-The Easter Bunny is visiting RRSQ again this year. Need for volunteer Bunny and an Assistant to guide the Bunny. AJ and Welfare League Sharon volunteered for the occasion. Date: Sat before Easter (3/28) More details to follow.

- Events coming up: 3-17 Goose & Fern event; Antique Market in Hotel La Rose Event space – 3/29; Good Grief Scavenger Hunt/Peanuts 5/2; Annual Classic Car Display-5/3 Sunday. Events may be required to provide portolets if Depot remains closed.

- 8.3 Business Development –

AJ announced she is working with Rachel from the City re RRSQ metrics and will be posting info on the Business Dev. page. She recommended that we write SMART re later return hours from Santa Rosa. The last train now leaves at 7:30 and 8:30 would be better. The next committee meeting will be Zoom on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

8.4 Security – in Tom’s absence, Paul reported that Pauline and he were exploring a new service provider, but there are many questions: share services with DT? Back off security? Encourage more attention from the City re security...etc.

8.5 Infrastructure - Curt presented the Tree replacement project in Mike’s absence. Different options were presented and the consensus was to finish the project and remove and replace the trees all at once. Most of the money would come from reserves which has @ \$120,000 in the account. The money represents what was put into the account when it was not feasible to do the trees over the last several years, but has been earmarked for that purpose.

a. Action Item: Tree vote m/Danielle s/Paul passed with one No vote.

8.6 Sidewalk Repair – Noelle

Three property owners joined forces to hire and oversee sidewalk replacements on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Some issues surfaced and are/have been addressed. Street flooding in the gutters during heavy rain was noticed post-replacement, however, the intermittent flooding has been a constant for decades. Noelle was thanked for her relentless efforts in monitoring the process. She shared that she has learned to “always take photos of the project area before any work commences”!

8.7 Design & Improvement- Amanda announced the formation of a new committee to oversee the planters, window maps, signs, etc. Looking for volunteer committee members.

10. **Other Discussion/Updates:** Amanda reviewed meeting hours, mentioning that increasingly, board members are arriving after 8:30, which delays the start of the meetings. It was agreed by all present to move the timing of Board Meetings to 9AM on a trial basis starting in March 2026.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

**Next Board meeting MARCH 15TH, 2026 @ 9:00 AM** (note new start time)

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