



Historic Railroad Square Association- Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, June 18, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM – 10:50 AM

Location: Courtyard Marriott Hotel Conference Room, 175 Railroad St., Santa Rosa, CA

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 9:10 AM by Mike Montague. Attendees included Mike Montague, Amanda Janik, Bryce Dow-Williamson, Ann Galantine, Noelle Hermann, Daniel Nelson, Sharon Halton (Welfare League), A.J. Trombetta and Theresa Tommasi. Representing the City was Rachel Beer and Councilwoman Bañuelos (5th District).

2. Public Comments

No specific comments recorded.

3. Action Item: Executive Director Appointment

The board voted to appoint Bryce Dow-Williamson as the new Executive Director. The motion was made by Mike Montague and approved unanimously by the 6 board members present.

4. Consent Items

4.1 May Minutes: Motioned by Mike Montague; approved by all.

5. Guest Presentation: Councilwoman Bañuelos (5th District)

- **City Budget:** The budget for the 26/27 FY has been passed. It is described as "razor thin" but includes no cuts to public safety.
- **Economic Development:** Maintenance issues exist within the current City Hall structure; a building swap is currently considered. A developer is looking at the old structure
- **Jesus Saves Kitchen:** Temp permit ends in 2026. Discussion regarding a temporary location in Catholic Charities. Simon Plaza opposed. Disproportionate amount of services serving the same population. More families are seen using food services due to Federal aid restrictions. Dispersing providers and a Committee lead by Gabe Osborn Ec Dev possibly. Mike and Ann are interested in participating.

6. City Update - Rachel Beer

- **Economic Development:** Focus on business recruitment strategy.
- **Infrastructure:** Rachel Beer will follow up on the crosswalk at Davis and 4th St. Will

- follow up with public Works/traffic engineering regarding type of warning device.
- **SMART Transit:** Exploring SMART contact for ridership data. Former contact has left SMART.
- **Beautification:** Committee is working with Arts regarding utility box wraps.

7. President's Report - Mike Montague

- **Water Tower:** Ad hoc group formed for updates.
- **SMART Properties:** Developer issues.
- **Crossing:** Discussion regarding the \$1/2 million crossing cost and outreach to District 3 supervisor Chris Coursey..
- **Business Updates:** TeeVax purchased building Bike Monkey, Rollup Coffee, and Echelon Cyclery are in. Bike Monkey & Rollup Coffee moving to 9th & Wilson; Echelon will stay.

8. Executive Director Report - Amanda Janik

- **Marketing/Events:** "Experience Railroad Square" looking for pop-up up that will complement mix
- Carriage Rides Did NOT receive the \$5,000 SRTBIA grant for carriage rides.
- **Parking:** Possible pilot program for merchant parking under the freeway; Rachel Beer to follow up.
- **Real Estate:** 111 3rd St. has closed escrow. Will be dance studio and holistic center.

Board members, Noelle Hermann and Theresa Tommasi leave. End of quorum.

9. Financial Report - Ann Galantine

- See Treasurer's Report

10. Committee Updates

- **10.1 Marketing:** Website RFP is paused. DAO has vetted contacts specializing in CBDs.
- **10.2 Events:** Music planned via the Montague Foundation;
- Merchant Mixer date TBD.
- **10.3 Business development** – interview with press democrat business reporter.
- **10.4 Security** – no report. Chair not present.
- **General:** Other committees (Infrastructure, Design & Improvement) no report

11. Additional Discussion

Danielle Nelson discussed mall connectivity and extended hours..

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Next Meeting: July 16, 2026, at 9:00 AM, Courtyard Marriott, Santa Rosa, CA.