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Revitalizing Historic Downtown



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MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Thursday, September 10, 2020 | 4:30 pm

Present: Billy Ward, Sarah Wally, Cindy Hade, Michael Martin, Charlene Smith, Robert Rogers, Yvette Barr

Staff: Alicia Gallo, Ronnie Mills

Absent: Tami Steelman Gonzales, Xavier Abrams

I. Opening of the Meeting

The meeting was opened by Michael Martin at 4:36 pm.

II. Review and Approval of September 10, 2020 Agenda

Charlene Smith moved for the approval of the agenda. Sarah Wally seconded the motion. The agenda was unanimously accepted and approved.

III. Public Comment

Daniel Barth, Richmond SOS! Streets Team & Shower Power expressed interest in partnering with Richmond Main Street on homelessness assistance to the unsheltered population on Macdonald Avenue. The aim would be to coordinate social services with pop-up shower sessions. Additionally, Daniel would like to continue the partnership with Richmond Main Street's Meal Giveaway program, where he distributes meals by Streets Team. Recipients of meals in Central Richmond have been received gladly. Daniel is very interested in coordinating with Richmond Main Street with the meal giveaway, and possibly expanding Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in order to align with Shower Power pop-ups.

IV. Review and Approval of August 13, 2020 Minutes

Cindy Haden moved for the approval of the August 13, 2020 minutes. Yvette Barr seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously accepted and approved.

VI. Financials

Sarah Wally moved for the approval of the August 2020 Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet. _____ seconded the motion. The financials were unanimously accepted and approved.

VIII. Administrative Update

- Grants/Sponsorship Update (TCU Foundation Fundraiser, Spirit & Soul Festival sponsorship, UWBA Census 2020, County Census 2020, Visit Richmond CA, DBO Grant, Zellerbach Family Foundation COVID Response Grant, COVID19 Mini-Grants, Arts & Culture Commission Public Art Mini-Grants)
- Programs Update (World Central Kitchen Meal Giveaway, Square e-commerce, Access to Capital Workshop)
- Volunteers: Community Green Space, Forthcoming Reentry Success Center Men's Group volunteers

VI. Committee/Event Updates

a. Promotions & Fundraising – Michael Martin, Yvette Barr

Update: Next meeting 9/14: Working on planning Spirit & Soul Festival

b. Clean & Safe – Cindy Haden

Update: Meeting on 9/9: Discussions about partnerships to clean-up & maintain the Community Green Space, Homelessness discussion, Partnership with MetroWalk residents & 1500 Macdonald Ave property owner to support litter pick-up efforts.

c. Economic Development – Charlene Smith

Update: Meeting on 9/21; will meet monthly for now

VII. Other Business/Good of the Order

- El Garage featured on ABC7 News on 9/9, 5:25 pm - *5-minute profile*

VIII. Meeting Adjourned: 5:39 pm

Next meeting: October 8, 2020, at 4:30 pm via Zoom