

MINUTES
DOWNTOWN VALLEJO - CCRC
REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 11, 2024

Call to Order: President Kamphausen called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm with a quorum of board members.

Attendees: Tom Bartee (left 5:38 pm), David Fischer, Annette Taylor, Mike Brigandi (left 5:41 pm), Chris Platzer, Tom Pezzuto, Jim Barcewski.

Absent: Erin Bennett, Ken Ingersoll, Tony Diaz.

Staff and Guests: Rita Iravani, Pippin Dew: Liaison VMS, William Oropeza: SVT Gruppe, Bernice Newell, Richard Abbott, Renay Colin, Kristopher Jacob: COV Asst. City Attorney, Mark Dixon, Tim McDonald, Paul & Donna Beeman.

Agenda: At 4:35 pm Mr. Brigandi moved to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Fischer and approved by the board.

Approval of Minutes December 14, 2023

At 4:35 pm a motion to approve the minutes of December 14th was made by Mr. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Bartee and approved by the board.

Security Report: Mr. Oropeza reported Capitol City Pharmacy was broken into, homeless are still creating issues, break-ins are still occurring in the parking lots.

Public Comment: Ms. Beeman volunteered to call stakeholders re: the stakeholder meeting. Mr. McDonald requested security be made available when the Empress is holding events. Mr. Bartee asked to have this issue placed on a subsequent agenda.

Guest Presentation: Kristopher Jacobs commented he did not prepare a presentation but rather came to answer questions the board may have. A number of questions were asked and answered.

Report from City Staff and Liaison: **Ms. Taylor** reported they are working on the downtown and waterfront specific plan. They are looking for funding and when it is available she will let everyone know. **Ms. Dew** reported Alex Matais is the new president of VMS. VMS will be holding its promotions committee meeting next week to discuss planned activities for 2024.

President's Report: Mr. Kamphausen reported the Solano County Sheriff has asked him and Mr. Bartee to organize a meeting with business people who are concerned about the city. The sheriff's concern is about being compensated for his staff's time and for the vehicles they will be using. Mr. Kamphausen also commented, he had a meeting with the founder of California Forever, one of the issues they discussed was putting in a trade school.

Financial Report: Mr. Pezzuto reported he had a discussion with a representative from BMO Bank regarding the previous concern Mr. Fischer had about possible penalties of withdrawing funds if we went with the higher interest bearing account. Mr. Pezzuto commented, the stipulation is there must be a minimum of \$5k per account. Mr. Bartee suggested there may be other banks, such as Discover, that may offer higher interest rates.

Action Items: **Mr. Brigandi** reported he was asked if he would circulate a petition against the proposed high school. He said he responded that he would not do that. At 5:32 pm, Mr. Brigandi made a motion that CCRC should publicly announce it is not in favor of the proposed high school, Mr. Barcewski seconded and Mr. Fischer opened the matter up for discussion. Mr. Fischer suggested CCRC ask the community for their opinion and incorporate that into a letter. Mr. Pezzuto suggested CCRC solicit the opinions of the property owners, via a survey, before taking a position on this issue. Mr. Fischer suggested an Ad hoc committee be created to discuss the language that will go into the stakeholder survey regarding the proposed high school. Mr. Brigandi, Mr. Kamphausen, Mr. Pezzuto and Mr. Fischer all volunteered to be on that committee. **Mr. Barcewski** reported he has 40 historic pictures with accompanying facts. He wants to build his own website that will have a link to CCRC, it will have both verbal and written information. Next meeting he will have most of the documents to share with the board. For eight years he has been trying to get the city to pass out information on downtown CCRC. Ms. Irvani created a resource brochure that he would like to scan and send to the board for review. Ms. Taylor suggested - once the board approves the flyer/brochure she will present it to the city's planning department and ask if it can be placed on the counter with other similar documents.

Committee Reports: Beautification - Mr. Platzer commented he will defer his comments to the annual stakeholder meeting.

Old Business: None.

New Business: **Mr. Kamphausen** commented he would like to propose a new name for CCRC as *Downtown Property Owners Association*. Mr. Fischer suggested a contest to come up with a new name for CCRC. **Mr. Barcewski** proposed updating the CCRC Bylaws and requested it be added to the next agenda. **Mr. Fischer** suggested the stakeholder meeting be canceled. At 6:18 pm Mr. Fischer made a motion to authorize the president to cancel the meeting because the elevator is not working at the museum, it was seconded by Mr. Barcewski and approved by the board. Mr. Pezzuto abstained.

Announcements:

Adjournment: At 6:20 pm Mr. Fischer made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Mr. Barcewski and approved by the board.

Approved by the board of directors at its meeting of February 8, 2024.

Signed: _____ Title: _____