

MINUTES
DOWNTOWN VALLEJO - CCRC
REGULAR MEETING

MAY 9, 2024

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

Attendees: Tom Bartee, David Fischer, Annette Taylor, Mike Brigandi, Chris Platzter (departed 6:30 pm), Tony Diaz (arrived 5:05 pm), Jim Barcewski.

Absent: Ken Ingersoll, Tom Pezzuto.

Staff and Guests: Rita Iravani, Alex Matias: VMS, William Oropeza: SVT Gruppe, Paula McConnell, Katie Burns: IHART Program, Anne Carr, Richard Abbott, Donna Beeman.

Agenda: At 4:34 Mr. Bartee moved to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Barcewski and approved by the board.

Approval of Minutes April 11, 2024

At 4:35 pm a motion to approve the minutes of April 11th was made by Ms. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Brigandi and approved by the board.

Approval of Minutes April 24, 2024

At 4:35 pm a motion to approve the minutes of April 24th was made by Mr. Barcewski, seconded by Mr. Brigandi and approved by the board. Mr. Bartee abstained.

Security Report: Mr. Oropeza reported there continues to be new homeless in the downtown, trash problems persist, Victory Store was broken into again, and the EV charging cords continue to be vandalized.

Public Comment: Ms. Carr commented that the city ordinance pertaining to *Tasting Room and Group Hub* is missing from the Zoning Code. It was approved on December 15, 2015, Ordinance 1717, this ordinance removed the 1,000 foot buffer between establishments that sell alcohol. It would apply to the Arts & Entertainment District downtown and Mare Island. In the current Zoning Code 1,000 foot buffer is back for alcohol sales but no mention of the *Tasting Room and Group Hub* ordinance. She also commented on the former homeless encampment at Brinkmans - once it had been cleaned out someone witnessed a swarm of rats crossing Mare Island Way.

Guest Presentation: Ms. Burns presented an overview of the IHART program. She explained they work in conjunction with the Vallejo Police Dept. and provide a response to low level public safety emergency calls that do not involve violence. Right now they are available 6 am - 6 pm seven days a week. The program is currently a pilot program but when they become more established in Vallejo they intend to extend their hours.

Report from City Staff and Liaison: Ms. Taylor reported: next Tuesday, the city council is expected to officially appoint a new city manager. VMS - Mr. Bartee reported on May 24th VMS will be hosting a Spring Social event on Georgia and Marin Streets. They will also be hosting the 2nd annual August Summer Nights. The event will take place every Thursday in August on the 300 & 400 blocks of Georgia Street, Marin between Georgia & Virginia Streets - there will be two stages. VMS is an award recipient of a \$15k beautification grant for the alleys downtown. They plan on doing a grand opening of the Vallejo Brewing Company on June 27th, this will be a mixer between the Chamber and VMS. Also, Bourbon & Bounty, located in the former City Lights building, should be opening in a few months as well.

President's Report: Mr. Kamphausen reported he is working on a Fireman's Appreciation Day for sometime in July. He hopes to make it an annual event. A successful body shop owner made a cash offer on the old Ford building but that deal fell through. Now the person who owns AMCO is making an offer. The city re-zoned some buildings making them housing. Ms. Taylor commented it is mixed use.

Financial Report: Mr. Bartee reported: we are in balance. We will be making our last payment on the CBD in June. The engineering report has been paid.

Action Items: 11 a.: Mr. Kamphausen reported Ms. Bennett, property representative at 201 Maine Street, has resigned. They requested to have another representative from 201 Maine but currently no one is available. He also reported he may have someone who is a building owner that may be interested in joining the board. **11 b.: Mr. Platzer** reported on the proposed 30 new benches -- the city has requested CCRC make a recommendation on placement. This project is funded by a grant the city received. Mr. Fischer commented he is opposed to putting benches on either of the two cement pads on the 300 block of Indian Alley. Mr. Kamphausen called for an Ad hoc Bench Placement Committee. At 5:39 Mr. Bartee made a motion to create an Ad hoc Bench Placement Committee, members shall include: Jim Barcewski, Tony Diaz, Mike Brigandi, and Tom Bartee. Mr. Bartee amended his motion to include a finite date of 90 days. Mr. Fischer seconded the motion and it was approved by the board. Mr. Barcewski abstained.

Committee Reports: Beautification: Mr. Platzer discussed using the \$15k grant money from VMS to re-asphalt the alleys. He also commented the more garbage cans there are downtown the more garbage there will be. The main stumbling block with the installation of lights downtown has been the power source. The city is now proposing using solar. Mr. Bartee commented that there is a meeting being called to discuss the lights and Mr. Alcantar's suggestion about using solar. **Renewal Ad hoc Committee: Mr. Bartee** reported the committee has completed the final draft proposal for the Community Benefit District and submitted it to the city attorney's office. Special thanks to Mr. Fischer for his work on the draft. The only outstanding concern we have is the city's CBD ordinance which talks about signatures being acknowledged. We have posed that question to the city attorney and have had some preliminary discussions and are waiting to hear back.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: At 6:21 pm Mr. Bartee 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 June 13, 2024.

Signed: _____ Title: _____