



ARLINGTON BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

BOARD OF DIRETORS

Minutes

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Monday, April 8, 12019

5:30 P.M.

Boardroom

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:28 p.m. by Vice President, Rob Steinmuller.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Present: Henry Ayala, Rob Steinmuller, John McIntire, Tim Lowe, Bernard Edmonds, Deniece Marshall, Charlie Keyes, Paul Akes, Tiana Johnson, Jim Perry

Absent: James Hawthorne, Shadi Sayes, Jack Cords, Nicole Quintana, Mike Sadeghian, Chris MacArthur

Staff: Andrew Guerra, Oz Puerta

Public/Guest: Lt. Pete Elliott, Randy McDaniel, Joe Stance, Jay Rowley, Frank Arreola, Sherry Shimshock, Kate Stovicek

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation by Randy McDaniel, Principal Park Planner with the City of Riverside Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department for an update on the Youth Innovation Center at Arlington Park. McDaniel shared that the center originally stated as a child care center and had evolved into a community center over the years. McDaniel stated the exterior of the building remained as planned and that the interior was altered to accommodate the new plan. Renderings of the center's façade and current construction were shared. In addition, McDaniel showed a rendering of an interior classroom which is the proposed location for the "Hope Wall" project of the Physical Improvements Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1 None.

COMMUNICATIONS

2 City Departmental/Downtown BID Updates

City Council Member – Ward 5 (Chris Mac Arthur)

Arreola reposted that three weeks ago, Habitat for Humanity had a groundbreaking event for there veterans housing project on Myers and Magnolia. The development project should be completed by this time next year. Saturday, Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful had a Ward 5 clean up at CBU and it was a success. Arreola noted that homelessness

continues to be a problem in Arlington and that he with the support of city departments are working to address concerns and problem areas. Frank offered his assistance if ABP wanted to try and do another clean-up event. Lastly, Frank shared that he has been talking with Enrique Martinez on addressing the issues with the vacant lot adjacent to his property at Magnolia and Everest. Frank contacted the property owner and asked if they could clean the lot and found that the owners plan is to build an office on the site. In addition, the house on the other side of the vacant lot is in foreclosure now.

City Council Member – Ward 6 (Jim Perry)

Perry shared that the City Council recently approved three million dollars of Measure Z funds for the Public Safety Engagement Team; which will take several weeks to implement. The team will be made up of police, code enforcement, public works, homeless outreach, and a clean-up crew. Currently, a similar team is performing cleanups once a week and this new engagement team will be an expansion to seven days a week. Additionally, some of these funds will be used for mental health services at the shelter. K-Mart has security out there to address the people camping in the parking lot and the other concern is the potholes in the lot. Northgate Markets is still moving full speed ahead into the old Toys-R-Us building and plan on opening in November and being active in the community. Aldi Grocery moving into the old Staples location at Magnolia and Tyler. A new restaurant will be moving into the old Famous Dave's location, Pirates Cove opening in July.

Riverside Police Department (Lt. Pete Elliott)

Lt. Elliott elaborated on the homelessness issues in the area and how Riverside is the epicenter of services for individuals from beyond Riverside City.

Community and Economic Development Department (Sherry Shimshock)

Shimshock shared that she does not really have an updated but welcomed questions. She shared the economic development team is made up of four full time and two part time staff members. Sherry stated that for attending meetings such as ABP's, her team has noticed they don't get out of the office as much as they should. With the goal of getting to know the city's neighborhoods better, the ED team will be touring the wards with the Council Members Legislative Field Representatives to understand where the vacancies are, the concerns, and so forth. Lastly, Sherry shared information on the Chamber's Business Week in June and to public workshops.

Riverside Downtown Partnership (Janice Penner/ Kate Stovicek)

Kate shared that RDP has recently updated their tagline and marketing materials to reflect a "Downtown Experience" type of marking of Downtown Riverside. Working on Doors Open event that will take place on May 11.

3 Committee Updates

Guerra shared the meeting dates and times of upcoming meetings.

- 4 **Staff Updates - Brief announcements of upcoming events, reports on conferences, seminars, and meetings attended by Executive Director, Officers, Directors, and/or staff.**
Guerra shared the information on upcoming meeting and events he and/or staff will be attending or had attended.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

- 5 **Minutes of March 11, 2019**
Minutes accepted for filing as presented.
- 6 **Update on Annual Chili Cook-off & Car/Cycle Show event.**
Puerta and Guerra share the status of event activities including the status of the special event permit and status of sponsorships.
- 7 **Items for future Board of Directors consideration as requested by Directors, Officers, or Staff.**
None.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DONATION/SPONSORSHIP REQUEST

None.

CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session held.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.