



Minutes

Present: Chuck Beaty, Patrick Brien, Cherie Crutcher, Erin Edwards, Bill Gardner, Nathan Freeman, Irving Hendrick, Jeff Kraus, Nanci Larsen, Stan Morrison, Sergio San Martin, Bud Sketchley, Kevin Townsend, Justin Tracy, Shelby Worthington-Loomis, Lou Monville, Brian Pearcy, Corinne Awad, Shalini Lockard, Cara Swearingen, Jeremy Leyva for Marco McGuire

Excused: Bob Nagle, Michelle Freeman, Charity Schiller, Geoff Neely

Absent: Amir Mertaban, David St. Pierre, Ian Davidson

Ex-Officio ABP / City Council: Oswaldo Puerta / Mike Gardner, Andy Melendrez

Staff: Janice Penner, Kate Stovicek

1) Call to Order

Shelby Worthington called the meeting to order.

2) Self Introductions and Public Comments

Conducted.

Nanci Larsen invited board members to the fundraiser Up, Up and Away on February 23rd at March Air Museum. Stan Morrison stated that Swish Madness would be held at Romano's from 9 am to 9 pm on March 15th. Bill Gardner reiterated his frustration with the chairs not being repaired and/or replaced in front of Simple Simons. Nathan Freeman stated that the chairs would be ordered February 14th. Cherie Crutcher invited board members to the Red Dress Fashion Show & Health Expo on February 24th at the Riverside Convention Center and noted that RDP was the main sponsor of the event. She stated that anyone interested in sponsoring a table should contact her.

3) Minutes of January 10, 2018.

Motion: To accept the Minutes of the Meeting of January 10, 2018.

Motion made by: Chuck Beaty

Motion Seconded by: Bill Gardner

Motion carried

4) Chair's Report

Shelby Worthington-Loomis stated that the Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony was February 21st and mentioned that donations for the opportunity drawing would be greatly appreciated. Bill Gardner suggested that services or time could be donated instead of certificates, baskets or objects.

Shelby Worthington-Loomis stated that El Patron was sold to new owners two weeks prior. She suggested that everyone support the new business by patronizing it.

5) Items for Discussion

5a) Approval of Board Slate

Shelby Worthington-Loomis stated that the final Board Slate for the year March 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019 was in the board package. She said that it included the break-down of directors including Executive and elected at-large Directors. She stated that the changeover was effective at the Annual Meeting and the first meeting of the new Board March 14th.

Motion for approval.

Motion: To approve the Board Slate for the year March 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019 as presented.

Motion made by: Chuck Beaty

Motion Seconded by: Bill Gardner

Motion carried.

6) Items for Information

6a) Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony

Shelby Worthington-Loomis stated that invitations for the event were sent out on January 19th. She said that there was a price incentive for people to reserve prior to January 31st. She added that there were 190 reservations to date and the event was expected to sell out. She said that each table would have a centerpiece and pens and notepads as small gifts. She said that presenters for the five downtown awards had been asked and accepted.

Shelby Worthington-Loomis stated that cash sponsorships to date were \$7,750 which was slightly lower than last year due in part to two fewer award sponsorships. She stated that a surplus of \$1,500 was budgeted for the event and at this point a surplus of just over \$2,000 was projected based on sponsorships received to date, projected ticket sales including sponsorship and award allocations, and projected opportunity drawing receipts of \$750.

6b) RDP activities

Shelby Worthington-Loomis stated that RDP was a sponsor of the RCH Red Dress Fashion Show and Health Expo to be held on Saturday, February 24th at the Riverside Convention Center. She said that RDP was coordinating the fashion show component of the event with 50 models. She said 30 would be wearing outfits from downtown retailers or from RDP's partner, The Pink Ribbon Place and the rest wearing their own outfits or outfits provided by an online retailer. She added that the Riverside Art Museum would be providing four hats created by local artists.

Shelby Worthington-Loomis stated that the March 27th luncheon would feature an update on downtown developments and was tentatively booked for Romano's downtown concert lounge. She added that locations for the remainder of the fiscal year would be Loft.84 for April with Chief Diaz as the speaker, Café Sevilla (upstairs) for May, and Heroes Restaurant and Brewery for June.

Shelby Worthington-Loomis said that RDP along with RPD, ABP and Live Nation had arranged for a training session on Active Shooter Events for businesses. She said that the training would be held on Tuesday, February 27th at 1 pm at the Riverside Municipal Auditorium. She stated that the training was very informative. Janice Penner stated that there would be room at the Riverside Municipal Auditorium for high attendance. She added that there would also be a table

with information regarding the Stop the Bleed campaign to train civilians for on-the-spot emergency triage.

Cherie Crutcher stated that Stop the Bleed was a national campaign with over 800 individuals and organizations trained. She said that as of December 2017 all Riverside police officers had been trained. She said that Mayor Bailey was working on extending training throughout the City and there was a community event with the police and fire departments present on March 31st. She added that there was also discussion of having training for the next Festival of Lights.

Shelby Worthington-Loomis said that as a result of the January 30th meeting with hospitality establishments and RPD, RDP would be working on coordinating training for Proprietary Private Security Officers (PSO). She said that under California's Bureau of Security and Investigative Services (BSIS) regulations, hospitality establishments' security personnel must be licensed as PSOs and/or their outside security company's personnel must have a Private Security License (guard card).

Shelby Worthington-Loomis said that planning had started for the third annual Doors Open, planned for May 10, 2018 from 6 pm to 9 pm and featuring free tours of historic buildings downtown. She said that some adjustment to hours would be made for certain locations such as Evergreen Cemetery due to the need for additional daylight. She said additional locations are being added as well. She added that the event was the only one of its type in California and in fact, west of Colorado. Janice Penner noted the extremely significant role that Nanci Larsen and the docents of the Mission Inn play in the event and that without them the event would not be feasible.

Shelby Worthington-Loomis said that movies had been booked for the 2018 Movies on Main and were Nut Job 2, Lego Ninjago, The Emoji Movie, and Coco.

7) Financial Reports

7a) Financial report at January 31, 2018

Bud Sketchley stated that the financial report for the month showed a surplus of \$65,388 compared to an expected surplus of \$29,216. He said that the variance was due to BID levy income for the month being \$92,265 compared to the \$49,428 budgeted. He added that for the year to date, the report showed a surplus of \$49,728 compared to an expected surplus of \$18,616.

Bud Sketchley said that BID levy income for the year was higher than expected by \$69,259 and offset by payments to date of \$22,917 for the Street Plus Safety Patrol. He stated that other variances were largely due to timing and expected to balance out by year end.

Bud Sketchley stated that RDP had \$26,714 in Checking and \$165,416 in Money Market with Citizens Business Bank. He added that RDP reserves included three CDs with Pacific Premier Bank totaling \$234,375 and one with Provident Bank of \$84,646 for total reserves of \$319,021. He said that Accounts Receivable equaled \$101,358 due to the \$92,265 BID levy income payment due but not yet received.

Motion: To accept the financial report at January 31, 2018.

Motion made by: Brian Percy

Motion seconded by: Bill Gardner

Motion carried.

7) City Council Updates

7a) Ward One

Councilman Mike Gardner stated that Imperial Hardware Lofts had a waiting list and would begin leasing in April or May. He added that Ratkovich Properties would begin a new project at Ninth and Main next to the Culver Center with 36 units. He added that the Stalder Project would begin construction shortly. He said that a Request for Qualifications was issued for the additional development space at the new library site. He stated that one response was received from a reputable developer suggesting for-sale residences as part of the development.

Councilman Mike Gardner stated there was a proposal to cancel evening Council meetings, but it was not passed. He stated that that evening meetings were more feasible for business people and citizens to attend and interact with the Council.

Councilman Mike Gardner said that there was an intense discussion regarding the Council's decision to extend the City Manager's contract and the Mayor's veto authority. He said that the extension was passed with five votes in favor by the Council, but the Mayor had vetoed approval of the extension. He added that the City distributed an FAQ press release on February 13th regarding the contract. He recommended that everyone read the informative press release. He added that the Council was largely satisfied with the City Manager's performance. He said the most significant issue was whether the Mayor had veto authority or not. Discussion took place.

Shelby Worthington-Loomis stated that she had received many questions and requests to prevent 7-11 from moving into the previous Save-A-Minit site. Councilman Mike Gardner stated that legally it could not be stopped but that 7-11 would need a CUP to sell alcohol. He said that he did not believe the City would issue a CUP for alcohol sales on that site.

7b) Ward Two

Councilman Andy Melendrez stated that Mission Lofts is progressing at a reasonable speed. He added that the vacant lot on Park and University has a proposed four story complex with retail on the bottom floor, potentially a small grocery store and about 70 affordable housing units. He stated that within the one block area, there will be about 280 units available. He stated that there will be a multi-level parking structure provided as well.

8) RDP Security Update

Lieutenant Kevin Townsend stated that there were no particular crime trends to report for the downtown Riverside area. He mentioned that bar bouncers and security guards needed to be licensed, which was something that the police department had not addressed before. He said that it was a state law and bar owners would be working on getting their staff licensed and in compliance with the law. He added that the vice unit also created a customer service type training for bouncers that would take place in late February. He added that the Chief of Police attended a regional chief's conference in LA where the main topic was homelessness.

Janice Penner stated that the Streetplus Safety Patrol now has their yellow jackets with identification on them.

9) City Community Development Department Update

Nathan Freeman stated that Riverside Food Lab was expected to have a soft opening the first week of May. He added that the space was completely leased to 14 tenants which was a testament to the economic interest in downtown Riverside.

Nathan Freeman added that the Imperial Hardware Lofts would be finishing up the last week of May and would likely be releasing prices in March. He said that The Salted Pig would be relocating from Twelfth Street to the ground floor of the Imperial Hardware Lofts. Shelby Worthington-Loomis stated that the Ratkovich Properties for Riverside's website was fully functioning and had photos and floor plans listed.

Nathan Freeman said that Chow Alley would be able to move forward when the county finished the Public Defenders building. He said that Chow Alley would have nine shipping containers with various vendors.

Nathan Freeman said that staff would be presenting a proposal for a hotel developer at the old Fire Station One to Council to the Development committee on February 22 at 3 pm.

10) Arlington Business Partnership Update

Oswaldo Puerta stated that ABP had just approved a mobile application that would be synced to the website. He stated that it would be mobilized in four weeks and provide a platform for businesses to communicate with each other. He added that the app would allow ABP to spotlight businesses within the district.

Oswaldo Puerta said that ABP had just finished a trial period of the Clean and Safe program and had noticed an increase in issues with the homeless since the program ended. He stated that there was a proposal to reactivate the program for another year.

Oswaldo Puerta stated that ABP would be sponsoring movies in Arlington Park. He added that vendor applications for the Chili Cook-off for May 26th were available.

11) New Business

There was no new business.

12) Adjournment and next meeting date – March 14, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned until March 14, 2018.