



Minutes

Present: Gregory Anderson, Chuck Beaty, Charity Schiller, Erin Edwards, Bill Gardner, Paul Gill, Daniel Iglesias, Jeff Kraus, Nanci Larsen, Philip Makhoul, Lou Monville, Stan Morrison, David St. Pierre, Debbie Rose, Kevin Townsend, Justin Tracy, Shelby Worthington-Loomis
Excused: Patrick Brien, Randy Hord, Shalini Lockard, Sergio San Martin, Cara Swearingen
Absent: Cherie Crutcher, Anderson Ewing, Nathan Freeman, Brandy Marian, Bob Nagle, Geoff Neely, Nick Pacific, Brian Percy, Thomas Portugal, Todd Turoci

Ex-Officio ABP / City Council: Mike Gardner, Andrew Guerra
Staff: Kate Stovicek

1) Call to Order

Shelby Worthington-Loomis called the meeting to order.

2) Self Introductions and Public Comment

Chuck Beaty stated that there had been a fire in the riverbed that traveled to the bridge. Bill Gardner highly recommended the new restaurant Ixtapa. Charity Schiller relayed a request for everyone to be mindful of their energy use at night to avoid power outages.

3) Approval of Minutes of May 8, 2019.

Motion: To accept the Minutes of the Meeting of May 8, 2019

Motion made by: Chuck Beaty **Motion Seconded by:** Bill Gardner

Motion carried

4) Chair's Report

Shelby Worthington-Loomis stated her concern with the increased aggression of the group of individuals loitering on Main Street. She said that she and her staff had been assaulted multiple times and had to lock the restroom doors in Retro Taco to deter nefarious activity. She said that the individuals were aggressive, threatening, assaulting and destructive with three or four individuals in particular causing significant problems. She said that they were deterring pedestrians on Main Street and that it was an unsafe work environment for businesses on Main Street. She added that she had called Riverside Police Department and StreetPlus to manage the situation, but in doing so had made herself a target to these individuals. Nanci Larsen agreed with Shelby Worthington-Loomis regarding the increased aggression and danger to others. Discussion took place regarding specific individuals and interactions.

Shelby Worthington-Loomis suggested that some type of security be present on Main Street from the Convention Center to City Hall to remove these individuals from the area. Stan Morrison speculated that if the issue was not dealt with, many business owners would sell their businesses and leave the area. Discussion took place regarding the increase of problems associated with the homelessness influx and increased aggression. Justin Tracy stated that the Chamber of Commerce had released a 60 second survey in which the number one issue

reported was homelessness. Discussion took place regarding legislative changes, state policies and restriction of police capabilities.

5) Items for Information

5a) Update on Doors Open May 11th

Shelby Worthington-Loomis stated that based on the numbers so far, there were 3,000 plus visits on Saturday, May 11th. She added that there were 22 participating locations on Saturday and three on the preview night. She said that certain locations such as the UCR Arts Block and the RCC Quad had several tour sites.

Shelby Worthington-Loomis thanked the Mission Inn Museum's docents who led tours and shared their love of history, as well as to the amazing volunteers who gave their time to help the event.

Shelby Worthington-Loomis also thanked Stephanie Harvey and the City's marketing team, and Scott Watson and the City's Historic Preservation, Neighborhoods and Urban Design Division of the Community Development Department. She also thanked the Downtown Area Neighborhood Alliance members who staffed the information table on Main Street at Mission Inn Avenue.

Shelby Worthington-Loomis said that the 2020 Doors Open Riverside had been set for Saturday, May 9th. She said that consideration was being given to including both a Thursday and Friday evening preview. She said that a Friday night preview might spread the event too thin. She added that the intent of the preview Thursday evening was to allow an opportunity to participate to locations that were not available on the weekend, and noted that those locations would likely not be able to participate on a Friday evening.

Shelby Worthington-Loomis said that notice should be received by August if the event was selected for the Governor's Historic Preservation Award. She said that the event was overwhelmingly successful from day one and that many individuals wanted a closer look at the buildings downtown.

5b) RDP activities and items

Shelby Worthington-Loomis said that the June 25, 2019 luncheon would be at the Hyatt Place with Dr. Gregory Anderson of RCC speaking. She said that the July 23, 2019 luncheon would be held at Riverside Community Hospital with their new CEO and the hospital sponsoring.

Shelby Worthington-Loomis stated that the Movies on Main promotion would begin shortly. She added that an ad was in the June issue of Inland Entertainment Review and posters and postcards would be produced in mid June. Kate Stovicek stated that the movies would be *Hotel Transylvania 3*, *Smallfoot*, Disney's *Christopher Robin* and *Wreck-It Ralph 2: Ralph Breaks the Internet*.

i) New event – Lunch Fest Art*Music*Inspiration

Shelby Worthington-Loomis stated that staff met with the staff of the City's Art and Cultural Affairs Department to discuss a replacement to the Summer Lunches event last year. It was agreed to have four events on each Tuesday in July, specifically July 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm with performers from Noon to 1 pm and art demonstrations and artisan vendors during the event. She said that the first three would be held in the City Hall breezeway and the final would be held in Mariposa Alley with an emphasis on the art component. She clarified that Mariposa Alley was the alley with the butterfly art installations.

Shelby Worthington-Loomis said that RDP would cover the costs of the performers and contribute to marketing including promotional materials and advertising. She said that the City would cover stipends for the art demonstrations as well as the permit and insurance for the event.

David St. Pierre inquired where the Movies on Main event would be located. Kate Stovicek stated the event would be held on Main Street between University Avenue and Mission Inn Avenue. Shelby Worthington-Loomis stated that the activity in that area would likely be well received by the residents, and would be very well received by the businesses.

6) Financial Reports

6a) Approval of Financial reports at May 31, 2019

Kate Stovicek stated that the financial report for the month showed a deficit of \$ 9,250 compared to an expected deficit of \$6,815. She said that for the year to date there was a surplus of \$11,000 compared to an expected surplus of \$19,200 resulting in a negative variance of \$8,279.

Kate Stovicek said that RDP had \$12,500 in Checking, \$55,600 in Money Market with Citizens Business Bank, and \$160,000 in Checking with Provident Bank. She added that RDP reserves included three CDs with Pacific Premier Bank totaling \$237,500 and one with Provident Bank of \$85,000 for total reserves of \$322,900.

Kate Stovicek stated that as of May 31, 2019 Accounts Receivable equaled \$33,300 and Accounts Payable equaled \$8,400.

Motion: To accept the financial reports at May 31, 2019

Motion made by: Chuck Beaty

Motion Seconded by: Gregory Anderson

Motion carried

8) City Council Updates

8a) Ward One

Councilman Mike Gardner stated that the Annual Regatta was held the prior weekend and was a successful event. He said that four elected officials sailed and that Mayor Bailey was unable to attend as he was receiving an award.

Bill Gardner requested an update on the granny flats and. Councilman Mike Gardner elaborated that accessory dwelling units included separate new construction units that required set backs from the side and back of the main unit with a maximum size of 1,200 square feet. He said that these units could also be converted garages and noted that the state did not mandate that parking be replaced which could be a potential issue. He said that these units could also be house additions.

Councilman Mike Gardner stated that local government was prohibited from requiring any additional off-street parking for the units and that the City had not received a draft from City staff regarding how to regulate this within the confines of the stated mandate. He said that the process of converting an already existing "pool house" or similar structure to be an accessory dwelling had not been defined yet either.

Councilman Mike Gardner said that if done properly this had the potential of providing more affordable housing, and that it could provide an ongoing revenue source for a single-family home owner with a fixed income. He added that as with any addition to a property it would require a tax re-assessment. Discussion took place regarding additional details on this topic. Chuck Beaty noted that there were hundreds of illegal units currently in existence in Riverside. He inquired how this would affect those structures. Councilman Mike Gardner stated that these units would need to meet code requirements. Chuck Beaty voiced his concern with encouraging single-family housing properties to become multi-family.

Councilman Mike Gardner followed up Charity Schiller's previous comment to save electricity by explaining that the facility where the natural gas leak took place around Aliso Canyon was not back in operation, and there was no natural gas storage therefore cutting back on industrial processes including power plants. He said that was a challenge for Riverside as they were only able to import on the order of 75% to 80% of Riverside's peak demand. He said that there was an ongoing concern this could lead to rolling black outs and.

Councilman Mike Gardner said that it would be a very bad fire season with two fires with structures threatened taking place the prior day. He said that the City was in the process of clearing some brush but there were constraints as some of the brush was considered habitat.

Councilman Mike Gardner stated that the red brick building on Market Street between Mission Inn Avenue and University Avenue had become a campsite for the homeless. He said that the property owners had claimed to be unaware of that issue and had since signed a trespass authorization that would allow city officials and police officers to act on the property owners' behalf to remove and/or potentially cite the trespassers. He added that every morning, code enforcement was rousting loitering individuals at that location, but the individuals would return at night. He noted that those individuals were also quite aggressive.

Councilman Mike Gardner stated that two Public Safety and Engagement Teams were created; the first already in existence and the second planned to begin July 1. He said that the teams consisted of police officers, code enforcement, homeless outreach and a contracted company to clean up after the individuals are moved along. He said that the teams were somewhat effective in keeping individuals off of public property, but were not effective on private property unless the property owner had signed a trespass authorization. He noted that these teams were offering services to individuals.

Councilman Mike Gardner added that mariposa was Spanish for butterfly. He said that there would be several art installations in the alleys between Main Street and Orange Street from City Hall to Mission Inn Avenue. He said that new surfaces and pavers would be installed. Shelby Worthington-Loomis stated that there would be new lighting and more art installations as well. She added that Al Zelinka was in favor of having café dining in the alleyways.

Councilman Mike Gardner stated that there were run-offs on all four ward elections.

Chuck Beaty noted the prevalence of homeless individuals loitering at the Riverside Woman's Club that was a very well maintained building. He said that it had led to the posting of "No Loitering" signs, which had been removed by the individuals that were loitering.

8b) Ward Two

As Councilman was unable to attend, there was no update.

9) RPD Security Update

Lt. Kevin Townsend stated that the University Square property next to Maxi Foods had improved. He added that the property owners had invested in security that had begun at seven days a week, then reduced to three days a week, and increased again to seven days a week. Daniel Iglesias stated that Ricardo's, the restaurant on that site, had vacated and that the trash bins in front of White Park had been enclosed with a full barrier.

Kevin Townsend said that there had been a period of time where no cars had been broken into, but in the last month there were five car break-ins in one week and then another four or five in another week with on Market Street and Lime Street.

Kevin Townsend stated that the UCR Arts building had been left unlocked over night and was robbed of thousands of dollars in cameras. He said that the establishment had a good surveillance system and the thief was identified but RPD was still trying to locate the individual. He said that this individual was connected to a theft at the University of Redlands on Central Avenue as well. He added that there had been a robbery of construction tools from the Main Street and Ninth Street development on the same night that the UCR Arts building had been robbed. He clarified that the security was great at that location as well and the thief was identified and arrested.

Kevin Townsend stated that the prior day there had been an incident of a woman who left her dog in her car. He said that an officer had to break a window to get the dog out and then animal control took custody of the dog and cited the woman.

Kevin Townsend stated that a woman had been murdered the Thursday prior after a few cars had been broken into around the area. He said that detectives were actively looking for the individual responsible. Discussion took place regarding the details and brazenness of this crime.

Stan Morrison inquired if there could be a very early morning rousting to remove individuals from Main Street. Kevin Townsend stated that they could not remove people if they were simply on the Main Street Pedestrian Mall as it was public. He said that these individuals were not permitted to camp, do drugs or damage property on Main Street. He added that if they were not doing any of those things, the only other possibility of an arrest would be if there was a warrant out for the individual. He added that these individuals typically committed low-level infraction misdemeanor offenses that they did not go to jail over, but were written a ticket.

10) City Community Development Department Update

Councilman Mike Gardner said that there was noticeable construction on the Centerpointe apartments. He said that the Hampton Inn planned to open around fall 2019. He said that the Main and Ninth project was moving very quickly and would have larger units with a higher expense per unit compared to Imperial Hardware Lofts. He noted that Imperial Hardware Lofts was over 90% leased and had filled quicker than was initially anticipated.

Lou Monville stated that the Stalder Project was currently two floors down and the second set of tie-backs was in so the constructors would begin digging out the third floor. Discussion took place regarding the parking at the site. Lou Monville added that once the digging was completed, due to the size of the site and the necessary equipment needed to pour the concrete, a portion of Market Street would be closed. He noted that the Market Street road closure would be finished before Festival of Lights. Councilman Mike Gardner speculated that there might be an increase of traffic utilizing the Fourteenth Street exit.

Shelby Worthington-Loomis inquired if there would be more activities relocated to Main Street as there had been a demand for that. Councilman Mike Gardner stated that it was likely, but that planning was still in the process.

Discussion took place regarding homelessness and efforts to intercede before issues became worse. Lt. Kevin Townsend stated that he had noticed a pendulum that would swing to extremes citing current laws that increased what it took to be a felony for certain crimes and shifted the state burden of a lot of inmates onto the counties. He said that the jails were full, mental health issues were not being treated and there was no incentive for drug users to get clean and sober. He added that mental health workers were overstrained.

11) Arlington Business Partnership Update

Andrew Guerra stated that the Chili Cook-Off was held on Saturday, May 25 and was a very successful event. He said that there were about 200 cars registered and present at the show, 115 vendors and many attendees. He added that ABP and the City's Park & Recreation Department were working on the 2019 Winter Wonderland event that was scheduled for Saturday, December 7th at Arlington Heights Sports Park. He added that the Movies in the Park were also being planned, but would be relocated from the parks to the community centers in Ward 5 and Ward 6. He said that they were also working on doing an outdoor art project – Hope Wall.

Shelby Worthington-Loomis inquired why the movies were being moved inside of the Community Centers. Andrew Guerra stated that the licensing was less as for the same price, a full year of use was granted within the community center. He said it was air conditioned, attendees knew where the community centers were, and this allowed the vendors to also benefit from being indoors.

12) New Business

Shelby Worthington-Loomis stated that the Salsa Festival was a successful and busy event. She added that the event brought many attendees that enjoyed the event and then stayed in downtown and patronized businesses. Justin Tracy stated that the event was very efficient with little to no negative impact on surrounding businesses and with no street closure.

Shelby Worthington-Loomis stated that she and Teresa Rosales were attempting to put a vendor list together to get the Wednesday market night started again. She elaborated that it would be on Main Street with artisan vendors and farmers' market type vendors and that she had received significant support for reinstating the event. Chuck Beaty stated that the prior event was stopped due to its being held on the same day as the Wednesday church feedings for the homeless. Shelby Worthington-Loomis stated that she believed a significant factor leading to the event's termination was due to the vendors present. She said that she believed that it could be brought back in a more positive manner and that with StreetPlus and the additional RPD officers, there would be more security present. Nanci Larsen stated that the Mission Inn Museum would like to be a part of the event by staying open late on the event nights.

13) Adjournment and next meeting date – July 10, 2019