

**Downtown Residents Group
Minutes for August 14, 2017**

Present: Gary Smith, Lew Baurer, Jim Carpenter,, L.C. Cline, Karen Clare, Ellen Hoffman, Annie Eichman, Bob Klug, Bob Link, Stan Marder, David Priver, LeAnna Zevely,6 Public. **Absent:** Constance Madden, Bill Orabone, Fran Pillersdorf, Mark Stephens, Joan Wojcik,

Call to Order. 6 PM at Sofia Hotel by President Smith

Non Agenda Public Comment. Brian Elliott CD3 noted CC currently in Legislative Recess. Homeless—Gordon Walker-Chargers Practice Field considered for temporary housing. Nowhere for homeless to go while help is attempted to get chronic individuals off the street, evaluated and case management assigned to these homeless individuals. Temporary site could be at 20th and B near Florida Canyon by the Navy Medical Center near Balboa Park. Currently this area houses city maintenance equipment.

Approval of Minutes for July 17, 2017 BoD Meeting.

Treasurers Report. \$4255.45

DCPC Report.

Information. Project Updates

Consent. None.

Action.

Duckfoot Brewery Tasting Room. 550 Park Blvd East Village. CUP for on/off site sales. Standard Conditions. Recommended approval.

A/C Hotel. GQDP, Variance, NUP Old TGIF restaurant in Gaslamp—2 lots wide and 1 lot deep on 5th Ave. side, 1 lot wide and deep on 6th Ave. side. Requesting waiver for parking. Noted this is a hotel, parking not huge issue with parking garage block away. Added an additional floor to the hotel and the pool and deck area now facing west into Gaslamp area, away from residential buildings. Board voted unanimously to approve.

Development Impact Fees (DIF) Discussion. Our community plan identifies items we will need in the future with a price tag for each---parks, fire stations etc. Builders have traditionally paid a percentage of that item, but when no building taking place, the city has been selling airspace to builders and tucking that money away. New changes reflect that fees will increase but developers will be allowed to pay the DIF fees at the end of their completed project –great for builders but makes it difficult for community plan to figure money we actually have as

there will now be a much longer period from time of initial permits pulled until certificate of occupancy given on a project. We are currently working on the past 5 year plan with 2 years to go—in the next round will have approximately \$15 to 22 million in this fund but the city may take some of this money for water pipes, street repair etc. Hoped City Council will not take much for their own projects.

Programs/Membership. We are moving forward with the plan for an Evening Cruise around the bay—need an actual count in order to know what size ship to reserve---will begin advertising this membership event but in order to reserve your spot, will have to pay at same time to ensure proper size boat—cash bar, DRG may be able to pay for the appetizers. Guest speaker to be announced once date of event confirmed..

Old Business.

PBID Report. Discussion on responsibility to various “orphan spaces” downtown—examples of these spaces are the grassy area on W. Harbor Drive across from Convention Center, Marriott, and Hyatt/ west side of Pacific Hwy/ area around old County Courthouse/grassy space by Kansas City Barbeque/part of area by Brick Yard/bike way between AM-Track and Trolley, area behind Office Depot/---who owns, who will pay for improvements & maintenance. Some areas have been dedicated to specific buildings i.e. MLK Promenade—City Front Terrace cuts grass in some of this space but no one overseeing replacement of light bulbs by plaques, or other lighting spots.

Homeless Issues Report. None.

Convention Center Reconsideration. Tabled

Soccer City. Tabled

New Business. None.

Member Comments.. YMCA Site on Broadway----very small crew working on this building, no permits have been pulled to date. Believed it will become a hotel as bathrooms being placed in each room suite so probably will not be another hostel. Current wrap suggests that painting of outside of building or sandblasting of exterior is to be done. County Parking Building: waiting for landscape by east side parking. County maintains will have landscape plan by October.

September 27, 2017---Little Italy, Firehouse Museum -presentation Live Safe, Live Well with guest speakers including Todd Gloria-public invited to attend. Next DRG meeting will be held on Monday, September 18th, 2017

Urgent Non Agenda Items. None

Adjournment. 7:30 PM