

Uptown Parking Benefit District Advisory Committee – Regular Meeting

July 22, 2021

Video Conference via Microsoft Teams

MEETING MINTUES

Members in Attendance: 4

Charlie Intebi, John Moye, Michael Myers, Sammy Holaschutz, William “Carlos” Keating,

Members Absent: 1

Austin Allen

Vacancies: 3

Staff Members Present/Department: 6

Hannah A Williams/SAM, Rene Barraza/SAM, Richard Bristol/SAM, Brian Lake/International Bridges,
Officer Freddy Nevarez/EPPD, Roberta Brito/CAO

1. Establishment of Quorum, Call to Order, and Roll Call

Quorum and meeting called to order at 4:01 PM.

2. Call to the Public (items not listed on the Agenda):

Call to the public made – no public comment.

3. Administrative Items:

a. Discussion and Action: Approval of the Minutes May 20, 2021

Action: Motion to approve May 20, 2021 meeting minutes by Sammy Holaschutz, seconded by Williams “Carlos” Keating, and unanimously passed.

b. Information and Discussion: Uptown Parking Benefit District monthly budget update
Rene Barraza reviewed the financial summary. John Moye pointed out that the contingent expenditures have not been used, funding for the new meters and Alley Activation design have not been purchased/processed.

No questions about budget.

4. Discussion and Action: Security update on activity within the district. UPBDAC action on staffing.

Officer Nevarez informed that the staffing of officers in the UPBD has been downgraded from 3 days to two day, Fridays and Saturdays; there have been a couple of fights, EPPD conducted bar sweep

Charlie Intebi inquired about possible MPs (military police) out in the area; Officer Navarez informed that the MPs are working with the gang unit.

John asked if there are any non-weekend events that would require additional support from us [UPBDAC]. Officer Nevarez responded by reporting that there are not any coming up. When John asked about Labor Day, Officer Nevarez stated that they have not had anything too impactful [in the past], and since Labor Day is on a Monday, the crowd is expected on that Sunday night. Austin inquired about Minerpalooza (August 27, 2021) and the plausibility of extra PD; Hannah mentioned the August meeting will be on the 19th and a decision/motion can be made at that time as well. Officer Nevarez will discuss with Lt. Shields.

Board members decide to hold off on any motions for PD OT.

Action: None

5. Discussion: Kern Place Business Association Security & Subcommittee update.

Austin states that enough [PD] presence is out there now; believes they are under control on the security side. Mentioned some upcoming events that will need to be discussed further.

John mentioned a discussion with Ms. Allison Lewis – excited about the alley enhancements; open to ideas of how to keep the area [district] safe with some contractual obligations as well as introducing a steady stream of revenue into the district. Austin mentioned Joe Gudenrath's offer on assistance with pursuing TABC tax money and present a recommendation to leadership and City Council.

Charile asked Austin about seeing the MPs and if it was the first he had them. Austin responded and said that he saw them as well as the PD Gang Unit police cruisers and was just excited that the MPs were out there. Austin thinks that presenting a cause and effect to Fort Bliss about collaboration with PD, especially since it was quiet the weekend they were out, would benefit the district.

6. Information and Discussion: City Council Recommendations update (meter installations)

Hannah Adele Williams provided an update: equipment/material orders have been placed for meters and wheel stops; staff will begin installation as materials arrive; mid-September is the tentative date for full project completion.

7. Discussion and Action: Alley Activation Project update

Hannah Adele Williams provided an update: Consultant is working on the 30% deliverable; once completed, CID will attend the meeting to discuss.

Hannah Adele Williams presented the May 20th meeting minutes in which the surface treatments were discussed by not included in the motion. Informed the board that if they wanted the surface treatment to be considered, then they can vote on it now and she would inform CID of the motion.

Action: *Motion to add surface treatment (i.e. pavers, bricks) to the list of items [for consultant] to investigate, by Austin Allen, seconded by Mike Myers, and unanimously passed.*

8. Discussion: UPBD Employee Parking Solutions (requires City Council approval)

Mike lead discussion on using the parking structure on Sun Bowl & Oregon for district employee parking; \$30 a month for access, currently working on something for his employees.

John explains how the Housing Authority addressed diversified parking when they relocated to the Blue Flame building downtown.


Action: *Motion made to start the process now to make the recommendation to City Council to make a provision for employee parking, by Mike Myers, seconded by William "Carlos" Keating, and unanimously passed.*

9. Discussion: Identification of Items for Future Agenda

Williams "Carlos" Keating – Frequency of sidewalk, streets and trash (is there a scheduled time)

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 PM by John Moyer.

Approved:  _____
(signature)

Hannah Adele Williams
(print)

Executive Recording Secretary