

**DOWNTOWN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**April 11, 2016
MINUTES**

BOARD MEMBERS

Present: Dilip Bhavnani, Howard Klein, Matt Klein, Larry Rauch, Mark Shinbane, Bob Smiland.

Absent: Andy Bales, Jim Barich, Ernie Doizaki, Richard Gardner, Sylvia Kavoukjian.

Staff: Raquel Beard, Ed Camarillo

Consultant(s): Ken Coelho (Armanino LLP), Estela Lopez (Kindel Gagan)

Guests: LAPD Commander Todd Chamberlain, Hilary Brody (443 San Pedro), LAPD Captain Howard Leslie, Lee Rabun (CLR Enterprises, Inc.), Sgt. Jack Richter

I. CALL TO ORDER

Shinbane called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Smiland made a motion to approve the January 26, 2016 minutes, and H. Klein seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

IV. CITY UPDATES

LAPD Central Area's new Commander Todd Chamberlain and Captain Howard Leslie were introduced to the Board, and Sgt. Jack Richter was welcomed back to Central Area.

Commander Chamberlain reported that he is working on new strategies for Central Bureau, including the creation of community response teams in coordination with sanitation and LAHSA.

V. OLLIE'S SPORT SHOP (414 BOYD STREET)

Rabun reported that the owner of The Escondite restaurant and the former Bar 107 (Brian Houck) is opening Ollie's Sport Shop on the second floor

above The Escondite, and has applied for a CUP. The venue will include live musical performances, DJ, karaoke, fashion shows, comedy, and spoken word. Rabun stated that the security plan will be provided after consultation with LAPD.

Rauch made a motion for the BID to provide a letter of support, and Smiland seconded. Bhavnani abstained. The Board unanimously approved.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT

Coelho reviewed the 2016 year-to-date financials through March 31st:

- a. Assessment revenue collected – just under \$800k in February, and \$200k in March.**
- b. Received approx. \$20K in unbudgeted revenue due to delinquent assessments, penalties, interest, and general benefit income from the City.**
- c. Expenses in line with budget, \$612K cash in the bank at the end of March.**
- d. Total Assessment- \$2,090,000 (collected \$1 million, \$1.1 million owed)**
- e. Delinquent assessment income received in 2016 \$9,200.**

VII. STAFF REPORTS

Beard reported the following

Insurance Renewals:

Commercial package and Workers Comp renewed- \$16,285.92 (still over \$12,000 lower than last year). D&O insurance is due in July- will begin process in May.

CCEA employee stabbing:

Unprovoked- Stabbed at bus stop 7th/San Pedro. Suspect is still at large- City Council approved a \$20,000 reward on 4/6/16. DT News covered the story in Monday's edition.

Parking Citations in DID:

Working with LADOT on changing parking restrictions in the District, which will eliminate daily parking citations given to the trucks loading/unloading.

537 Ceres:

ZA had not yet made a determination. CCEA and DLANC both opposed the proposed project.

Report On Maintenance & Security Issues:

During the 1st quarter, the BID public safety officers handled a total of 4,818 incidents, and 296 extra patrols. Maintenance 1st quarter totals include 17,919 bags of trash collected (269 tons); 163 instances of graffiti removed; 938 bulky items removed; and 133 weeded blocks in the District.

VIII. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE

Skid Row Sobering Center:

Lopez reported that she and Beard met with Department of Health Services (DHS) regarding a sobering center opening on Maple between 6th and 7th. Organizers stated that the center's purpose is to alleviate the strain on emergency services (Police, Fire and hospitals), by providing a place for inebriates to sober up. The center is to be specifically used by LAPD Central Area and Fire Station 9. Beard and Lopez expressed concerns with other police and fire areas dropping inebriates off to the center as a way to dump people in to skid row. DHS stated that protocols would be established for intake.

CCEA Planning Study:

CCE is largely unknown to City Planning. The study was presented to City Planning staff and Councilmember Huizar, and is now a part of the community plan update conversations.

813 E. 5TH Street:

Traffic analysis was approved by DOT. Public hearing date not yet determined.

DTLA Forward:

The purpose of the initiative is to make sure that the city, community groups, business stakeholders and strategic partners work together to reclaim/renew public space in Downtown. One of the focused outcomes of the initiative deals with access and linkages that improve the pedestrian experiences. Beard and Lopez met with CD14 to specifically talk about the 22 uncontrolled crosswalks, and asked how the Industrial District could act as the pilot project for that outcome. Beard identified 7 areas where crosswalks are needed, or need to be repainted. Also asked for the LPI (head start) pedestrian lights at specific intersections with high vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Beard will be following up and working with CD14 on this initiative.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. NEXT MEETING- TBD

XI. ADJOURNMENT-3:11pm