

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
MIDTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

HELD by ZOOM Meeting:

Wednesday, December 8, 2021, by zoom.

ATTENDANCE:

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Midtown Business Improvement District, City of Fort Collins, County of Larimer, Colorado was called and held as shown above and in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado, with the following directors present and acting:

David Fritzier
Mike Dellenbach
Lauren DeRosa
Patrick Bunyard
John Hoxmeir
Carrie Baumgart

Absent –Rayno Seaser, Spiro Palmer, Luke McFetridge

Executive Director Jamie Giellis was also present. Also present for a portion of the meeting were Brad Rota from Outreach Fort Collins, Beth Yonce from the City of Fort Collins, Clyde Wood, and Jay Hernandez from code compliance division of the City of Fort Collins.

CALL TO ORDER:

Director Jamie Giellis called the meeting to order at 8:00am.

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

None stated by members of the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Board approved unanimously.

UPDATE:

City Council approved funding for expansion of Outreach Fort Collins into Midtown starting January of 2022 with community engagement and active in Midtown hopefully in Q3 of 2022. Jamie also stated that she has not heard back from the brokers responsible for the JC Penny lot.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Board approved Agenda unanimously.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS:

OUTREACH FORT COLLINS:

Brad from Outreach Fort Collins was present for the first part of the meeting to explain what his organization does. Outreach Fort Collins is an outreach program building relationships with the transient community, business owners, and law enforcement to curb issues related to homelessness in a dignified way. They specialize in verbal de-escalation and face to face interactions to build these relationships and spread what resources there are available to the homeless population. Expanding to Midtown as a result of the City Council voting to expand the programs scope and funding. Outreaches' focus is to do good preliminary research in the Midtown area to gather where the hot spots are and what kind of behaviors this area is dealing with. Outreach Fort Collins will start providing services in the Fall of 2022.

CODE COMPLIANCE:

Jay Hernandez of the code compliance department for the City of Fort Collins stated that for large transient camps the code compliance department is unable to clear them themselves, so they must call in law enforcement to help them for safety issues. They will clean them up as a one-time courtesy to the business owner, but it is up to that owner to deter further camps from being built by mitigating issues such as landscaping maintenance and tree trimming. Also drew a clear line on code compliance versus illegal activity. Illegal activity should be reported while things like malingering and refusal to move is more appropriate for the Outreach Fort Collins program.

STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS:

BHA is under contract and will begin the surveying process the week of the 12th (next week) and will gather a consulting team to discuss community outreach and engagement. Conversations will continue with the City Council in relation to the TCEF funding of 150K and grant funding. Also, the infrastructure bill will be going to Federal Agencies and State Agencies for sure but possible Local Government control as well for these funds. A press release will be done as well in the next month or so from Pat Ferrier as well as the possibility of an in person meeting for January.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT:

Director Jamie Giellis adjourned the meeting at 9:10am.

Secretary to the Board