

# EL CAJON BOULEVARD

# Business Improvement Association

# Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, April 20th, 2023 – 9 AM

**Present:** ECB BIA Staff: Tootie Thomas, Steve Aldana, Alexandra Espejel, Sergio Oaxaca, Sam Potters, Alana Hao ECBBIA Board: Luke Nguyen, Julie Tran, Jackie O'Connor, John O'Connor, Christine Perez, Edward Hiadar.

Attendees: Logan Braydis (D3), Jenny Hall, Jeffrey Nguyen, Ben Mendoza (D9), Cesar S.,

# I. Call to Order/Introductions/Speakers – at 9:00 AM John O'Connor, President

- Introductions
- Elected/City Officials- Updates
  - Latrell (City of San Diego)
    - 30 inquiries for 2nd quarter of fiscal year
    - 1st office hours in the community and helping work with businesses
    - Environmental service is working to see how they can waive the Green Waste Bin for businesses who don't need it
    - BID Budgets have been worked on
  - Officer Jenny Hall (SDPD)
    - April 25th Coffee with a cop 8:30am-10:30am
    - Started enforcing car inhabitant ordinance
  - Ben Mendoza (D9)
    - Proposed budget for FY2024
    - Ordinance provided for renter protection. April 25th asking the public to participate in discussion.
      - Main thing is not having landlords evict due to maintenance or remodels
  - Logan B.
    - 141 people were involved in unhoused community decision
    - North Park cleanup on April 22nd
    - Tootie commented about the change in policy and asked where the unhoused community will go?
      - Mayors office has a plan in place to help by doing POSHM (Prevention, Shelter, Housing, Mental)
      - Awaiting data from LA in order to see how effective it is
      - Went from 1 to 4 parking structures for safe sleeping
- Public Comment
  - o None

## **II. Proposed Motions:**

- Motion to approve Meeting Minutes February and March 2023 Jackie / Edward- Passed Unanimous
- Motion to approve financials March 2023 Jackie / Edward- Passed Unanimous

 Motion to approve Slate of Executive Board members - Jackie / Edward- Passed Unanimous

## **III. Action Items:**

- Executive Board Nominations April Elections
  - Reminded everyone how the executive board helps run the organization of everyday - Unam Julie abstained

## IV. Hubs

- Hubs Scheduling Meetings
  - SD Get It Done Day of Action
    - Way to get more people to be involved in using the app, call to action
    - Steve mentioned that he recently submitted a get it done request and it was fixed on the same day.

#### West End

- The Boulevard Sign Repair
  - Partially done
- North Park Festival of Beers April 1st w/ North Park Main Street
  - Highlights a lot of our businesses
  - Our ale trail flyer was put out along with this festival
- Tourism
  - Our SBEP request was to do tours of The Boulevard
  - John mentioned a comment from a city staff who said "who wants to visit the blvd"

#### 30ECB

- Summer Stroll the BLVD
  - Friday June 2nd, Our 2nd event as sole host
    - Band and DJ taking over both ends
    - 15 vendors and partner businesses signed up so far
    - Get Out There will be the theme to co-brand with the SD Fair banners
- Hub meeting April 26th
  - Community safety will be the focus

#### o Little Saigon

- 10 New Globe Lights Installed
  - Not powered on yet
- 11 trees Installed in City Heights
  - Next phase is 15 trees in the same area and more in Little Saigon.
- Latrell mentioned how D9 is the district with the most storefront improvement project requests

#### East End

- Monday Clean ups continue with Friends of 50th
  - Coordinating invitations

## V. Committee Reports - Information Items

## **Executive-** Tootie

 One thing on the table: Combining Promotions and Economic Development committee meetings.

- Offering the meeting twice a month
- Connecting more with board members

#### BID Alliance - Jackie O'Connor

- Where does the BA stand on process for BID management?
  - o Tried to reach out to them in order to get us involved

## **Promotions -** *P.Gillette, Chair ,Staff*

- Banners
  - o San Diego County Fair going up in May and will be removed in July
- Fair@44
  - Events and Activation
    - Colombian Festival
    - Trans Day of Awareness
    - HIV Testing Day April 20th, 6-9pm
    - Trans day of visibility March 31st
    - Bikes Rasta April 22nd, 4pm
    - Clothing Swap, SAY San Diego
  - Senior Activities
    - Friday Meals Seniors come and do a potluck
    - Dog Training

### **Economic Development-** John O'Connor, chair

- City of SD Business Walk March 23rd
  - o It was a fun time during the walk meeting either new and old businesses
  - o A2C Report Sergio Oaxaca
  - Gave us a list of 10 businesses positive feedback 80%
    - Edward, Jackie, and Tootie shared their experience on the walk
  - Meeting w/ other A2C members in downtown in exchange
- Development 2023 Review, Outreach
  - Changes at IRC
    - Kelly is moving to Madagascar
      - Planning a meeting to introduce new staff
  - Civic Community Partners
    - Commitment to move forward with transportation
  - Economic Development tour in planning phase

## **Design/Parking-** P Gillette/T Thomas, co-chairs – Aldana, staff

- 11 new trees in City Heights
  - Went from 35 proposed locations to 33. They will be planted yearly as funds become available.
- Fixing Street & Median Lighting- Contract awarded through the MAD
- Parking Management
  - FY24 Budget Draft submitted to City
  - Angle parking conversions Kansas St installed +13
    - A resident sent a letter to the Mayor about a conversion project to angled parking on 37th St.
  - Meter Revenue University Heights
    - Meter revenue was incorrectly being diverted to Uptown instead of Mid-City. A memo is being developed by the City acknowledging the error and addressing how it will be rectified.

#### **Old/New Business**