

# EL CAJON BOULEVARD

## **BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**

## Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, March 21st, 2024 – 9 AM

**Present:** *ECB ECBBIA Board:* Luke Nguyen, John O'Connor, Christine Perez, Edward Hiadar, Julian Villegas, Julie tran. *BIA Staff:* Tootie Thomas, Steve Aldana, Alexandra Espejel, Sergio Oaxaca *Attendees:* Logan Braydis (CD3), John Loggins, Viridiana (City of SD), Lynn Elliott, Marlyn Gonzalez, Jonathan, Jessica, Vierna, David Moty,

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

- Introductions
- Elected/City Officials- Updates
  - Viridiana (SDPD)
    - Getting things ready for FY25
      - March 13th getting everything ready
      - 1st council hearing April 9 & 2nd one in May
      - John mentioned that it sucks that hours were wasted on audits instead of being out in the community
      - FY23 was completed and moving onto FY24
  - Logan Braydis (D3)
    - Progress is being made but cleanup is required
    - Encampments along 805 will be dealt 4 times this March
      - Offering services to those who want them
      - Working w/ SDPD
    - 4 way stop on Polk has been approved
    - Tootie mentioned how we are working on rebalotting for new assessment district plan
      - Planning a meeting to talk about how to collab with D3 to help with defining what needs to be updated
  - Jenny Hall
    - El Borrego reported gambling machines installed next door
      - Officer cummings spoke to Rodnia about neighbor threatening her and many foot traffic
    - Suggestion for business owners to do their Get it Done
    - New Chief of Police announced: Scott Walls
    - Jenny suggested to restraining order if the issue continuous and gets worse
    - Peter had mentioned that there have also been issues at Cafe Madeleine with panhandlers that is affecting their business
- Public Comment
- Clean the neighbors group cleantheneighbors@gmail.com
  - Organizing clean ups
  - Meeting the 3rd Wednesday of every month
- Alan from Walkabout App

Work with businesses in the area

#### **II. Action Items**

- Business walk Oct 26th 2-4PM
  - Gathering at 1:30 in order to get everyone in groups
  - We have different language speakers, viet vote and volunteers
  - 4th of the City Heights series
  - Business walk will include info about future office hours
- Holiday Bridge Lights 35 year celebration
  - Signifies the kick off to holiday
  - Looking for interviews to showcase the importance and history of these lights

### **III.** Proposed Motions:

- Motion to approve Financials for Feb 2024 1st Jackie 2nd Peter unam
- Motion to approve minutes for Feb 2024 1st Jackie 2nd Peter unam
- Motion to approve joint committee schedule change 1st Jackie 2nd Peter unam

#### IV. Hubs

- Hubs Scheduling Meetings
  - West End
    - Paint and sip all supplies will be provided and there will be happy hour
      Taproom Co
    - Mardi Gras Super Bowl
      - Including more people on the West End
      - Used funds from D3, Tootie thanked Logan for D3
  - 30ECB
    - Pure Women's Market Wed March 24th 12-4PM
    - Stroll the Boulevard Fri April 5th 4-8PM
  - Central
    - Divine Theory -
  - Little Saigon
    - Community Clean Up Sun Feb 24th 8-10AM
  - East End
    - New Business: The Baby Trader resale boutique

#### V. Committee Reports - Information Items

#### **Executive -** John

Too much time is being spent on paperwork (audits) instead of the community

#### BID Alliance - Jackie O'Connor

 Until the issue was resolved going to meetings was hard but Jackie will be back to BID Alliance

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

- Fair Banners
  - March 4th Photoshoot 3PM and we had a makeup session
- Fair@44
  - Events and Activation
    - Partners Meeting
    - QT tuesdays changing the meetings up to themes
    - Community Free Lunch Wednesdays 1PM
      - Next month the plant nursery will be ready
        - The seniors will be selling succulents

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

- A2C Report Sergio Oaxaca
  - o Grants: Helping businesses affected by the flood
    - Hello Alice: useful resource to help businesses find grants
  - Hub walks are being scheduled to West End
  - Tootie suggested that we should schedule a hub walk with Christine from the Neighbors group, & D9 to help us out in reaching business owners

#### Design/Parking- Jackie O'Connor, Chair - Aldana, staff

- Median lighting
  - Two block pilot
    - We have a new MAD manager, CG, he is on top of his work
- Little Saigon Trees City process issues
  - Replacement of dead trees
    - There have been obstacles in putting up the 37 trees
- New Trash Cans 44th St
  - New trash have been very efficient and people are using them
- Parking Management
  - FY25 Budget Pilot community shuttle
    - Goes down the Boulevard, parts of 30th st, University, Fairmount
    - Top 10 Priority Projects
      - Finally accomplished
      - Moving on to submitting the next ten
    - Angle parking Conversions adding to list of North Park conversions
      - Installations (78 spaces added in 2023) 23 spaces are approved and awaiting installation by the City and many more to come
      - Meters: Two New Sections Euclid and El Cajon Blvd
    - Jessica asked about a previous issue about switching a red zone to a 5-15 min parking
    - We need to come together to figure out something to make it safer for owners and patrons. We also need advocating to stop the red zones from happening

## **Old/New Business**

**Adjournment**- Adjourn 10:11 AM