CIDBIA Board Meeting Minutes for 10/11/18
Hing Hay Coworks, 8:30 a.m.

CIDBIA Board Members Present: Barry Blanton (Co-Chair), Aaron Crosleycone (Co-Chair), I-Miun Liu (Treasurer), Lei Ann Shiramizu, Ken Louie

CIDBIA Board Members Absent: Maiko Winkler-Chin, Diane King (Secretary), Tuck Eng

CIDBIA Staff Members Present: Jessa Timmer, Monisha Singh

Meeting was officially called to order by Barry Blanton at 8:40 a.m.

1. Welcome
   Barry welcomed Board and Staff Members

2. Public Comment on Agenda Items
   Terry Nichols was in attendance.

   No public comment on agenda items.

3. Staff, Sanitation, and Public Safety Update
   a. The effort between this neighborhood and Capitol Hill and First Hill to get MID outreach position has been successful for three outreach workers, one in each neighborhood. This neighborhood will have to match $15,000 between the BIA, SCIDpda, and InterIm.
   b. Jessa is working on the Only in Seattle grant. The committee is meeting to determine how to spend the money, although there is no sense of how much money will be available yet.
   c. There’s a meeting on October 15 in SODO, with 5 BIAs leading discussion on crime and civility issues with elected officials, SPD, etc.
   d. Jessa has met with 4 people who could potentially be board members and looking at what the pause will look like for board development.
   e. The Public Safety Council will have a community forum on Oct 24, location TBD. They will be meeting with Deputy Mayor Fong and other SPD officials.
   f. A letter of request has been sent to the City to create an “emphasis zone” under I-5. This would allow police to shut down encampments sooner instead of waiting 72 hours.
   g. The SPU Customer Review panel is meeting again to plan for its strategic business plan. Jessa is representing small businesses and asking them to think about small businesses as they set their rates.
   h. Jessa is working with Philip Sit and other BIAs on FAS’ billing system. They are putting the onus on BIAs to provide information that the City already has through business licenses.
   i. The ST3 discussion about alignment going through the neighborhood was to cut and cover on 5th Ave. People from the neighborhood asked for more options. The elected leadership group agreed to carry different options, and none of them are the cut and cover on 5th Ave.

4. Review and Approval of September 2018 Meeting Minutes
   a. Motion to adjust September Meeting Minutes to change Section 5d to reflect that board development had been put on hold during the expansion.
      i. I-Miun moved to approve the minutes as amended.
      ii. Aaron seconded.
      iii. Motion carried unanimously
5. Chinatown Gate Ordinance Renewal
   a. The BIA has been the legal entity to upkeep the gate since it went up. The BIA has to renew the application every 10 years, which is up on Dec 31, 2018.
   b. Current permits are $1,300/years, plus costs for annual inspection, cleaning and maintenance. It adds up to $8,000/year that the BIA pays for.
   c. Board members asked if the Chinatown Gate Foundation can take responsibility, if the BIA wants to be financially and legally responsible for another 10 years, who benefits from the gate, if it’s possible for the BIA to take on the costs if the assessment won’t be renewed.
   d. Board members will not vote on this issue at this time. Jessa will not sign the application and will talk to Tuck/Chinatown Gate Foundation.

6. Statement on BIA Renewal Pause
   a. Jessa wants to have a short public statement that the BIA is pausing. She has personally talked to those who had signed. Jessa will send a final draft to the board.

7. BIA Rate Change Ad Hoc Committee
   a. Jessa is meeting with Philip Sit to discuss options on how to change the rate and what the rates could be.
   b. There will be a small ad hoc committee of board members and non-board members, with representatives of different types of rate payers. Aaron, Ken, and Barry volunteered to be on the ad hoc committee.

8. Events/Marketing Update – Monisha
   a. Night Market Update
      i. Night Market had good attendance, but there was an issue with the power vendor who couldn’t provide power to some exhibitors on time. This caused exhibitors to be very upset and demand refunds. Event contractors Melissa and Audrey are working on behalf of the BIA to communicate with exhibitors and the power vendor.
      ii. The net for the event was $12,000. In 2017 it was $18,000.
      iii. The beer garden only made $500. This was because the beer sponsor could only come in at $500 instead of $5,000 like last year. The same number of units were sold as last year, but because of the very small sponsorship and the costs to just have the beer garden, the beer garden was not profitable. In the future, it will be a discussion whether to even have beer garden without a large sponsor. The beer garden does add to the event overall.
   b. Holiday Activations
      i. Hing Hay Coworks AAPI Arts & Crafts Fair, BIA Holiday Happy Hour Food Walk, and activations in Hing Hay Park will occur on Saturday Nov 24 in conjunction with Small Business Saturday.
   c. Holiday Sponsorships
      i. Small sponsorships are available for HHFW or Buy & Fly for $400 each. These would cover the cost of printing and design. Blanton Turner volunteered to sponsor these.
      ii. 705 Lofts sponsored $1,000 for the HHFW over the summer.
   d. 2019 Events/Dragon Fest Ad Hoc Follow Up
      i. Monisha will send out a meeting request for a workshop type meeting about Dragon Fest 2019.

9. Public Comment
   Terry Nichols said there’s pressure washing in the alley is going into his garage on Saturday mornings. This could be the maintenance at the apartments across the alley. Staff suggested contacting the property manager at the Alps apartments.

Adjourn
Board went into Executive Session at 9:55am. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00am.

Minutes recorded by Monisha Singh