CIDBIA Board Meeting Minutes
9/5/19 8:30am
Hing Hay Coworks

CIDBIA Board Members Present: Barry Blanton (Chair), I-Miu Liu (Treasurer), Alann Hamada, Jamie Lee, Jeff Liang
CIDBIA Board Members Absent: Tuck Eng, Brian Jaeger, Jocelyn Moore

Guests Present: Nora Chan, Terry Nicholas, Rahul Gupta

CIDBIA Executive Director: Monisha Singh

Welcome

The meeting was officially called to order by Barry Blanton at 8:38 a.m. once a quorum was established, and everyone present gave a self-introduction.

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 8/1/19 Board Meeting

Jeff motioned to approve the minutes from the 8/1/19 CIDBIA Board Meeting as presented; Jamie seconded the motion; motion carried.

Board Member Election – Rahul Gupta

Jamie nominated Rahul Gupta to join the CIDBIA Board of Directors as a Board Member; Barry seconded the motion; motion carried, and Rahul was voted onto the Board unanimously.

Board Development + New Members

We’ve had interest from several people about joining the CIDBIA Board; We will be meeting with Jena from the American Hotel (replaced Larry), and we are following up with several others who have expressed interest.

501 Commons provides Board Training (5 hours) and we would like to have the Board attend a session this fall (date and time to be determined). We would like to add new Board Members to the Board prior to the training/orientation session.

Uwajimaya Remodel

Alann gave a brief update on the remodeling project that will be happening beginning this fall at Uwajimaya. The remodel will begin in October 2019 and will continue over the next 12 months. Most of the upgrades will be done on the interior, and the store will remain open throughout the remodel.

Camera Update

Nora gave a brief update on the fundraising effort for the camera system she is spearheading. The effort is going well (they have raised $150,000 so far (from over 700 people and 45 businesses).
Nora and Donny spoke with Monisha, and they would like to remove and replace the existing camera system owned by CIDBIA.

Board discussion ensued, and the Board is going to consider conveying ownership of the existing camera system to the entity that will be the owner of the new camera system. That way they can either use any equipment they might want to use and remove anything they choose to remove.

Nora will provide us with information about who the new ownership entity will be.

**Events/Marketing/Communication Update**

Monisha gave the following updates:
- Night Market will be held on 9/14/19
- C-ID Happy Hour Food Walk will be help on 9/19/19
- CIDBIA is planning a Bar Crawl, where participants collect stamps from several neighborhood establishments and participate in a raffle
- Staff is working on a video project in Q4 and Q1 2020 which will feature story telling videos from community ratepayers and stakeholders
- In Q1 and Q2 of 2020 we will have bus advertising surrounding the Lunar New Year
- Monisha showed us a prototype of brochures about CIDBIA and what it does as an organization. The project was created by the summer intern. Monisha is applying for grant funding to print, translate, and distribute these in early 2020.

**Executive Director’s Report**

Monisha gave the following updates:
- Bike lanes on S. Lane Street (SDOT)
  - Being planned as part of the Main Street to 5th Avenue connection (along the west side of 5th Avenue @ the intersection of King & 5th).
  - Moving Metro 1 block south to stop on 5th between Weller Street and Dearborn
  - Terry asked how much parking will be eliminated? The PP presentation Monisha saw showed only one loading zone space being eliminated
  - They are not planning to eliminate any parking long King Street
  - Are there any plans for a bike “box” parking?
  - A suggestion was made that the BIA/Terry/Nora should ask the City for some of the parking revenue that has been lost to come back to the community
  - Another suggestion was that the ADA parking be audited in the neighborhood
- Stakeholder Walkthrough is scheduled for 10/23
  - This is open to all ratepayers, and is so ratepayers have time to walk the neighborhood with City officials and service providers to identify areas of concern around sanitation
  - We need Board Members and business owners to participate and make there concerns know to those who can help address problems
- Community Clean-up scheduled for 10/27 @ 9:30 (again, we need people to come out and show their support for the community
- Seattle University has a project where they will be painting the I-5 columns under the freeway
- Public Safety Council update
  - Sonny will be leaving 12/31/19
  - Someone will be hired to replace Sonny
  - Monisha attended the Public Safety Council meeting on 9/5/19 to advocate for the neighborhood
    - She is trying to get SPD/City of Seattle to step up as there’s been a significant increase in graffiti
    - There have been few (if any) patrols in the CID at night
    - Graffiti is getting worse, not better; business owners are getting fined for not removing graffiti, but the City isn’t doing anything to curtail it
- We need more police presence, and we need more law enforcement ...

- Public Safety Forum – 10/14/19 at Axis in Pioneer Square
  - We will be having officials from Minneapolis coming in to speak to what they have been doing that is working to curtail criminal activity in Minneapolis and sharing that information with Seattle officials and BIA stakeholders
  - People from CID should attend if they can

- Monisha has received the ratepayer information/data from the City of Seattle
  - She hopes to have completed her review and clean up of the information by 11/1/19
  - We will convene the ad hoc committee to review this prior to 11/1/19

Public Comment

Nora commented that she thinks the CIDBIA is doing a good job; she thinks we need to do a better job of telling the community/stakeholders what we are doing on their behalf

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 am