CIDBIA Board Meeting Minutes
6/4/20  8:30am
Virtual Meeting (online and via phone conference call)

CIDBIA Board Members Present: Barry Blanton (Co-Chair), Jeff Liang (Co-Chair), Rahul Gupta, Alann Hamada, Tuck Eng, Jamie Lee, Jocelyn Moore, Chera Amlag

CIDBIA Board Members Absent: Jena McCullough, Evan Chan

Guests Present: Lillian Young

CIDBIA Executive Director: Monisha Singh

Welcome
• The meeting was officially called to order by Barry Blanton at 8:35 a.m., and a quorum was established.

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None.

Board Member Update
• Brian Jager has resigned from the CIDBIA Board.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 5/7/20 Board Meeting
• Alann motioned to approve the minutes from the 5/7/20 CIDBIA Board Meeting.
• Jeff seconded the motion.
• Motion carried

Note to Meeting Minutes
• Reimbursement to Board Member
  o CIDBIA contracted with Pacific Rim Security Consultancy LLC., and their subcontractor Concentric Advisors, Inc to provide overnight patrol to the neighborhood for 3 nights in response to potential riots and security risks in C-ID.
  o Co-Chair Jeff Liang coordinated this on behalf of the BIA.
  o Jeff has paid for the service and is seeking reimbursement from the BIA in the amount of $3,000.

Clean and Safe Update
• Pressure Washing Project
  • Seattle Surface Cleaners started pressure washing alleys and completed North and South Maynard Alley. The project is temporarily paused due to protests.
  • Litter and graffiti have been increasing, but not at “normal” levels.
• Public Safety Coordinator
  • Tim Hirokawa has quit his position as of 5/20 as the neighborhood Public Safety Coordinator after 4 months. Reasons cited were lack of organization and structure, lack of communication, and a culture shock.
  • The PSC is hired by and reports to the Public Safety Council. The Public Safety Council is a group of community volunteers as well as City members.
  • The Council will determine how to move forward with that position. The funding ends this year.
• Continued increase in crime and incivility. Since the beginning of the COVID crisis:
  • 17 businesses broken into, many multiple times, 3 properties damaged, 2 personal property crimes
Events/Marketing/Communication Update

- Dragon Fest is cancelled.
  - 1/3 of exhibitors have requested refunds and several have donated their booth fees to the BIA
  - Following up with the remaining. The cutoff was 5/31, but we will honor refunds if they request it.
- CID Business Relief Fund
  - As of 5/4, we’ve raised over $400,00 through individual and corporate donations!
  - We’re in round 2 and have cut checks or will this week to 100 businesses.

Executive Director’s Report

- Staffing Updates
  - Monica is continuing 50% split of Clean & Safe and Business Technical Assistance, with emphasis on Public Safety and Technical Assistance
  - Connie’s communication role is still 100% COVID related and starting to plan what marketing and events look like for the rest of the year.
  - Monisha’s work is financial related for Q3 and Q4, long- and short-term planning, advocacy, HR, etc.
- Advocacy: Encampment Sweeps + CB119796
  - There was major advocacy work done around the encampment removals on Weller and King as well as legislation that would prevent encampment removals during the COVID crisis.
  - There was a united effort with BIAs from SODO, Pioneer Square, Ballard, Downtown, and C-ID.
  - Encampments were swept 5/20 and 5/21. Council met on 5/27 to discuss CB119796. Monisha provided testimony to Council to vote no on the bill because it did not take into consideration public safety related impacts from encampments. There was a good turnout at the Council meeting from community members opposing the bill. Ultimately there was no resolution from Council.
- Workplan + Strategic Planning
  - Monisha is starting to plan for CIDBIA’s post-COVID recovery plan with what is salvageable from the Strategic Plan and internal staff work plans for the post-COVID world.
  - Strategic Planning committee will be asked to help.
- Riot Impacts to Businesses
  - 20 businesses damaged in C-ID on 5/29
  - 2 businesses damaged in C-ID and 20+ in Downtown core on 5/30
  - CIDBIA hires overnight security patrol, SPU & volunteers begin boarding up, and volunteers clean up neighborhood on 5/31
  - CID Business Relief Fund separated funds from May 30 – June 6 for direct business support for businesses impacted by the riots.
  - CIDBIA is looking into coordinating a clean-up event. There are many volunteers who want to contribute their time to neighborhood. Details TBD

Other Comments

- How to harness the power of volunteers
- How to safely install and remove plywood
- Mural Party

Public Comment

- None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Meeting Minutes Recorded by Monisha Singh