



Minutes

Downtown Stockton Alliance Board of Directors' Meeting
Wednesday, June 24, 2009, at 3:30 p.m. at the Downtown Stockton Alliance
Conference Room, 343 E. Main St., 1st Fl. Stockton, CA

Board of Directors Present: Chair Steve Stevenson, Vice-Chair Mahala Burns, ,
Treasurer Jim Donaldson, Doug Egbert, Eddie Barkett for Anthony Barkett, Tom Bowe,
Corie Coleman-Maxwell, Kevin Dougherty, Jeroen Gerrese, Chris Eley

Board of Directors Excused Absence: Secretary Mahesh Ranchhod, Joe Draeger,
David Qualls, Chris Eley, Dan Schroeder, Peter Gutierrez

Ex-Officio Members Present: Alicia Arong, Dick McClure, Paul Rapp

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Carl Brooking, Mark Martinez, Craig Ogata, Doris Unsod,
Robert Holzer, Dave Harzoff, Mayor Ann Johnston, Lt. Kevin Hatano, Susan Eggman,
Elizabeth Blanchard, Carlos Villapudua, Gordon Palmer, Alicia Arong, Stacey
Mortensen

Other:

Staff: Dennis Smallie, Emily Baime, Mimi Nguyen, Nick Trulsson, Charisse Lowry

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call - Chair Steve Stevenson
 - Meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.
2. Public Comments
 - Alicia Arong advised of a September 11 Art Celebration event put on by the Stockton Arts Commission at the Lexington at 6 p.m. where Dave Brubeck and others will be honored. Jeroen Gerrese advised the Tidewater was in dire straits and needed financial contributions.
3. Approval of Minutes of May 20, 2009

A motion was made/seconded (Bowe/Coleman-Maxwell) to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2009 meeting as presented. The motion passed with all I's, No nay's, No abstains

4. Approval of Financial Statements

- D. Smallie explained that the financial statements reflected the months of Jan through May. He reported that there was an overall savings of \$30,000 in the budget to date.

A motion was made/seconded (Eley/Burns) to approve the Financials for the months of January through May. The motion passed with all I's, No nay's, No abstains

5. Discussion with Councilmember Dale Fritchen

- Councilmember Fritchen advised the City Council voted down the City Manager's recommended budget the first time because it had included projected stimulus money of \$13.7 million where the city really only expected to get \$5.5 million and there were no guarantees that the money would come in to pay for police officer positions. The budget committee consisting of Councilmembers Fritchen, Miller and Holman, felt they had been left out of the budget process revisions of the first budget proposed. Subsequent to their voting down the budget, it came back to the budget committee. The committee and city staff recommended a budget that did not include the stimulus money but still included the layoff of 55 police officers.
- Councilmember Fritchen advised that they were told the Fire Department would defer their 9.5% raise for two years in lieu of layoffs. The Police union had not reached an agreement for concessions so the budget included layoffs of 55 officers.
- The budget was presented to Council on June 23 and passed. Councilmember Fritchen stated he appreciated the comments made at the Council meeting by DSA Director Smallie. Smallie had reported the DSA's position was in opposition of the plan to reduce downtown proactive police staffing of 18 officers to 0 officers by cutting the 16 Bike Officers and the 2 undercover Community Police Officers. Smallie supported the Council and offered some alternatives for the police department to at least try to retain a minimum of 4 of those officers. The alternatives offered were not appreciated by many of the members of the police department that were present at the meeting.
- Stockton was notified on June 24 from the Federal government they were only going to get a maximum of \$2 million rather than the \$5.5 million that had been included in the projected stimulus money. Councilmember Fritchen advised this showed they made the right choice of voting down the budget the first time and approving it
- M. Burns asked about retirement benefits. Councilmember Fritchen advised those were not touchable except for the medical contribution. A. Arong conveyed that citizens should shop local and asked that the city educate the public about money that could and couldn't be used for general fund (e.g., Redevelopment funds that are restricted)

- G. Gerrrese stated that the building permits and fees needed to be looked at and asked who would do that. Fritchen advised that would probably come under the Budget committee.
 - Fritchen advised that the City Charter says the City Council has to stay out of the City Manager's business. J. Donaldson asked who hires the City Manager and Fritchen stated that the Council does.
 - Chair Stevenson called for a special Board meeting on July 1 at 3:30 p.m. where the Chief and City Manager would be invited to attend to address the reduction in bike officers in Downtown.
6. Discussion on 2009-2010 Assessments
- M. Nguyen presented an increase of 1% would reap \$10,445. Due to the economic situation of the country and city it was not recommended to increase assessments for next year. However, the Board wanted to see more of an emphasis on security. A motion by Bowe and second by Donaldson carried with all Aye's.
7. Approval of amendment to By-Laws regarding ex-officio members
- The amendment per last month's discussion was presented to change the by-laws regulating ex-officio members by organization rather than individuals. A motion was made by Chair Stevenson and seconded by Burns which carried by all Ayes.
8. Discussion to take a position on the Use Permit for a second hand store to buy scrap gold at 311B E. Weber.
- There were no objections to the Use Permit
9. Staff Reports
- Staff reports were presented
10. City, County and Parking Updates
- No one was present for any updates
11. Adjournment
- Meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.