



**Thayer Street District Management Authority  
Board of Directors Meeting**

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

**MEETING MINUTES**

The Thayer Street District Management Authority (TSDMA) board meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM.

**1. Roll Call**

Directors: Paul Greisinger, Chair; John Luipold, Lauren Berk; Richard Dulgarian; Joe Mardo; Jason Sweeney and Donna Personeus, Executive Director.

Ex officio members: Edward Bishop

Absent: Stephen Lewinstein; Albert Dahlberg; David Everett

Guests: Lidia Pierce, Brown University; Mr. Khoury, Esq

**2. Presentation by Mr. Nilesh Patel and Mr. Khoury, Esq regarding plans for 230 Thayer St.**

Mr. Khoury, Esq gave a presentation to the TSDMA Board on behalf of his client, Mr. Patel regarding the new business, City Smoke, coming to 230 Thayer Street. Mr. Patel was unable to attend as scheduled. Mr. Khoury stated that his client operates other City Smoke shops through the Boston area. He stated the location at 230 Thayer Street will have interior security doors. Customers will have to show IDs in order to enter the shop. Mr. Khoury mentioned the lease at 230 Thayer is for 10 years and states there shall be no smoking or marijuana sales. He mentioned they are asking for business operating hours of Monday to Sunday 10A to 10P. CBC and hemp products are planned to be sold at the location. The business will be HVHC system certified. He explained their tentative opening date is Aug 13.

**3. Discussion and Vote to Approve the Minutes from the June 4 Public Hearing and Board meetings**

Minutes from both July 4, 2019 meetings, presented by Ms. Personeus, were approved after a motion by Ms. Berk, which was seconded by Mr. Mardo. The vote was unanimous by all attending Board members.

**4. Discussion and Vote to Approve Financial Reports as provided on July 2, 2019**

Financial Reports were presented July 2, 2019 by Ms. Personeus, and were approved after a motion by Mr. Luipold, which was seconded by Mr. Mardo. The vote was unanimous by all attending Board members.

**5. Discussion and Vote on FY 2020 Budget Amendment**

No discussion or vote on a FY 2020 Budget Amendment took place at this meeting

## **6. Chairman Report**

Mr. Greisinger asked for an update on the TSDMA Marketing Committee's meeting with Janice Pascone of Garden City Center | The Wilder Companies. Committee member, Mr. Mardo spoke to Ms. Pascone's 29 years with The Wilder Companies. He mentioned Ms. Pascone stated Garden City's most successful marketing efforts were the following events: Music Series, Friday Night Jazz, Touch a Truck/Halloween event, Tomorrow's Fund Stroll.

Mr. Greisinger asked Board members their level of interest in a Thayer Street Stroll or Road Race. Mr. Luipold thought it was a great idea and said he would take the lead on a Road Race event. He would research and get back to the Board.

Mr. Greisinger updated the Board on creating a Farmer's Market for Thayer Street. He mentioned that he had spoken to Katie Silberman who recommended speaking with Brown Food Services and Leigh Vincola from Farm Fresh about the possibility of moving the Brown Farmer's Market to Thayer Street. Mr. Luipold mentioned that either of the Brown University owned former Gourmet Heaven or Denali locations could be considered for the market location.

Mr. Greisinger stated he would like to consider making an investment in Holiday Banner Lights for across two or three locations on Thayer Street. He asked Ms. Personeus to research options to bring back to the Board.

## **7. Executive Director Report**

Ms. Personeus reported that she emailed her Executive Director report on June 1, 2019 to each Board member. There was not a request to add any items for further discussion to the agenda for today's meeting.

Ms. Personeus stated the TSDMA Big Belly Solar Trash Compactor contract is coming up for renewal. She will be contacting Big Belly management to set up a meeting.

## **8. Vape Shop Complaint**

Ms. Personeus reported she had received a complaint from a local parent through the TSDMA website regarding under age vaping sales at a Thayer Street business. Ms. Personeus forwarded the complaint to the City of Providence police.

## **9. Marketing Committee Update**

### *Thayer Street Summer Music Series*

Ms. Personeus updated the Board that the Music Series had been fully booked and permits from the City secured. She also stated that she would be printing an event rack card listing all the dates and location that would be distributed to Thayer Street businesses for them to give to their customers.

## **8. Thayer Street Planning Study Committee Update**

There was no further update from the Committee at this time.

## **9. Merchants Report**

There was no further update from the Committee at this time.

## **10. Other Business**

There was no further update from the Committee at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 AM.