



Thayer Street District Management Authority Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

MEETING MINUTES

The Thayer Street District Management Authority (TSDMA) board meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM.

1. Roll Call

Directors: John Luipold, Chair; David Everett; Albert Dahlberg; Richard Dulgarian; Laura Berk; Stephen Lewinstein; Jonathan Kaufman and Donna Personeus, Executive Director.

Ex officio members: Edward Bishop; David Shwaery

Absent: Paul Greisinger; Joanna Levitt

Guests: Martina Haggerty, Associate Director of Special Projects, Department of Planning and Development, City of Providence' Yarrow Thorne and Betsy Jones of The Avenue Concept, Officer Kelly Mitchell, Brown University

2. Presentation on the PVD Planned Bike Share System and Sponsorship Opportunities by Martina Haggerty, Associate Director of Special Projects, Department of Planning and Development, City of Providence

Ms. Personeus introduced Ms. Haggerty, Associate Director of Special Projects, Department of Planning and Development for the City of Providence to the TSDMA Board. Ms. Haggerty presented the PVD Bike Sharing program which will consist of 400 bikes shared between 40 bike stations, each station with approximately 10 bikes and is planned to launch Summer of 2018. Social Bikes (SoBi) has been selected as the supplier and operator of the program for a 5-year period of time. SoBi is the supplier and operator of 25 bike sharing programs internationally. The Providence Bike Sharing project is funded by a Tiger Grant of \$400,000. Private advertising sponsorships are also available to supplement the cost of the program. Bike Sharing rates will be \$5/hr or \$20/mth (1 hour free per day). Time is billed only while bike is in motion. Discounts will be available for low income riders. The program area extends 1.5 miles from the center of Providence, stations located within .25 miles of each other. 1% of the revenues will be going back to the PVD City Parks and Recreation Department. Public information meetings will be held. Ms. Personeus will follow up with Ms. Haggerty to obtain a copy of her presentation and will email it to Board members when it's received.

3. Business Presentation by Yarrow Thorne, Founder & Artistic Director, The Avenue Concept, Providence's First Public Art Program

Ms. Personeus introduced Yarrow Thorne, Founder & Artistic Director of the The Avenue Concept to the Board. Mr. Thorne presented the background of the Avenue Concept (AC) and how the TSDMA could successfully work with AC to create an on-going public art program for Thayer Street. He spoke to raising stable scalable funding, art curation, installation, transportation, maintenance, documentation and programing of a public art program. Ms.

Personeus mentioned the Thayer Public Art Committee has scheduled a planning meeting at the Avenue Concept on December 19th to discuss in-depth the next steps of working together in collaboration.

4. Discussion and Vote to Approve Minutes from November 7, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes from the November 7, 2017, presented by Ms. Personeus, were approved with edits after a motion by Mr. Dahlberg, which was seconded by Mr. Luipold. The vote was unanimous by all attending Board members.

5. Discussion and Vote on Financial Report as provided on December 12, 2017

Financial Reports were presented December 12, 2017 by Ms. Personeus, and were approved after a motion by Ms. Berk, which was seconded by Mr. Luipold. The votes for each were unanimous by all attending Board members.

6. Executive Director Report

Ms. Personeus reported that she emailed her Executive Director report on December 11, 2017 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 reported on the Big Belly unit outside Chipotle that was damaged by a Chipotle vendor delivery truck. Ms. Personeus stated she had immediately notified Brown University Officer Mitchell within 24hrs of the incident. Brown University Officer Mitchell reviewed the video footage from the Brown Bookstore and located the incident. Officer Mitchell presented Ms. Personeus with a DVD of the footage. Ms. Personeus reported that she filed a hit and run accident report with at the PVD Police HQ and would follow up with the repair invoices and video as soon as she had both in hand. Ms. Personeus asked the Board how they would like her to proceed. She was asked to draft and send a letter to Chipotle and their vendor asking to be reimbursed for the cost of the damage to the Big Belly unit. Mr. Dahlberg said he would be happy to review the letter before it was sent.

7. Merchants Report

Mr. Luipold mentioned that 271 Thayer (former City Sports) was currently under a letter of intention with a local dry goods company. He would announce the new tenant as soon as the lease had been signed. Mr. Luipold stated that 170 Angell (Brown Bookstore) would be under interior redevelopment of its 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors. An exterior update was also planned. The Brown Bookstore will remain open during construction. He stated Olive Street will be used during construction to reduce blocking of Thayer Street. Construction is planned for the full year of 2018.

Mr. Lewinstein reported that they had secured a permit for demolition of 249 Thayer (former Store 24) which would occur in December 2017. Construction of the new building for that site should begin in Jan 2018 and last the full year.

Mr. Kaufman, owner of UMelt stated they would be changing the menu at UMelt to better suit their customers based on feedback from the past six months. They are considering a name change as well.

8. Other Business

Mr. Luipold gave notice to the Board that he would be leaving the Executive Board of the TSDMA as of June 30, 2018, but planned to remain on the TSDMA Board thereafter. Mr. Dahlberg stated he too planned to remain on the TSDMA Board but would not be seeking an Executive position.

TSDMA Online vote to send Shaking Crab letter of support to City of Providence Board of Licenses Monday, November 13, 2017 via email the TSDMA Board of Director voted on a motion made by Mr. Dahlberg to approve sending the attached (to email) letter of support to the City of Providence Board of Licenses, which

was seconded by Mr. Luipold. The vote passed with a yes vote from Mr. Dahlberg, Mr. Luipold, Ms. Berk, Ms. Levitt, Mr. Dulgarian, Mr. Lewinstein. The following Board members abstained: Mr. Everett, Mr. Griesinger, Mr. Kaufman.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:23 AM.