



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

Tuesday, January 2, 2018

MEETING MINUTES

The Thayer Street District Management Authority (TSDMA) board meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM.

1. Roll Call

Directors: John Luipold, Chair; Paul Greisinger; David Everett; Albert Dahlberg; Laura Berk; and Donna Personeus, Executive Director.

Ex officio members: Edward Bishop; David Shwaery

Absent: Stephen Lewinstein; Joanna Levitt; Richard Dulgarian; Jonathan Kaufman

Guests: Eric Weiner, FoodTrucksIn.com; Greg Bohenko, Capstone

2. Discussion and Vote to Approve Minutes from December 12, 2017

Minutes from the December 12, 2017, presented by Ms. Personeus, were approved with edits after a motion by Mr. Luipold, which was seconded by Mr. Everett. The vote was unanimous by all attending Board members.

3. Discussion and Vote to Approve Financial Reports as provided on January 2, 2018.

Financial Reports were presented January 2, 2018 by Ms. Personeus, and were approved after a motion by Mr. Greisinger, which was seconded by Mr. Dahlberg. The votes for each were unanimous by all attending Board members.

4. Discussion and Vote to Approve Next Steps for TSDMA Public Art Program

Review identified locations for art projects, rank location by priority and agree on goals of the TSDMA art program.

After further discussion, the TSDMA Board is interested in pursuing a working relationship with The Avenue Concept, to create and implement a TSDMA Public Art Program. Ms. Personeus was asked to secure a memorandum of understanding (MOU) from The Avenue Concept for Board members to review. Ms. Personeus stated she would email the MOU to Board members once received.

5. Executive Director Report

Ms. Personeus reported that she emailed her Executive Director report on January 1, 2018 to each Board member. There was not a request to add any items for further discussion to the agenda for today's meeting.

6. Merchants Report

There was no merchants report given at this time.

7. Other Business

Mr. Dahlberg introduced Eric Weiner, FoodTrucksIn.com to the TSDMA Board. Mr. Weiner spoke to creating a dialogue between the TSDMA merchants and the food trucks. He stated FoodTrucksIn.com held a November 3 Friday night food truck event just south of the Soldiers arch on Thayer Street that was successful. He mentioned work was currently being done to create a monthly event similar to the November 3 event. Board members voiced concerns relating to the food trucks in the Thayer Street District which included, the financial loss to the Thayer Street restaurants which carry large overhead costs of rent and employees, the noise and smell caused by the trucks use of gas/diesel generators, the impact of the trucks not being consistent with environmental initiatives, and consistent violation of the 200 ft setback from existing brick and mortar food establishments ordinance. The Board discussed asking the City to provide signage stating where food trucks are allowed to park and redrawing the 200 ft boundary map once Pokework is opened. The map would be provided to Heather Kilkenny at Providence City Hall and given out to every food truck when they are applying for a license or renewal.

Mr. Luipold announced that the Tropical Smoothie Cafe at 272 Thayer Street is set to open in January. Mr. Greisinger and Mr. Bohenko spoke to a new tenant, Ganko Ittetsu Ramen, coming to the former Better Burger Co. location (217 Thayer Street) and the January Grand Opening of Pokeworks (213 Thayer Street).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 AM.