



Thayer Street District Management Authority Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

MEETING MINUTES

The Thayer Street District Management Authority (TSDMA) board meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

1. Roll Call

Directors: Dean Martineau, Chair; John Luipold; Paul Greisinger; Steve Lewinstein; Susan Mardo; Margit Liander; Laura Berk, & Donna Personeus, Executive Director.

Ex officio members: David Shwaery; Edward Bishop

Guests: Katie Silberman, Brown University; Richard Dulgarian, Avon Cinema; Raber Umphenour, Avon Cinema

Absent: Al Dahlberg, Amanda Giessler

2. Discussion and Vote on the Board Meeting Minutes from January 5, 2016

Minutes from the January 5, 2016 Board meeting were approved after a motion by Mr. Luipold, which was seconded by Ms. Mardo. The vote was unanimous by all attending Board members.

3. Discussion and Vote on Financial Report as provided on February 2, 2016

The Financial Reports were presented February 2, 2016, and approved after a motion by Ms. Mardo, which was seconded by Mr. Luipold. The vote was unanimous by all attending Board members.

4. Chairman's Report

Mr. Martineau recommended several priorities for 2016 to provide direction for Ms. Personeus. Ms. Berk also provided several recommendations. Ms. Personeus was asked to update the Thayer Street Planning Guide to indicate the accomplishments of the TSDMA and also provide the Board with her 2016 TSDMA priority recommendations for the Board to review prior to the next Board meeting.

5. Executive Director Update

Audit Update; Tree Well Plaque Project Update; Providence Children's Film Festival; Thayer Public Art Plan Update; Winter Storm Report-Big Belly Damage; Thayer Pop-up Art Windows Update

Ms. Personeus reported the audit for FY's 2013-2015 was underway. She is currently preparing documents for the auditor. Ms. Personeus mentioned she will need Mr. Bishop and Mr. Martineau to provide a chairman's report containing the goals and accomplishments for the years in which they were each chairman. Ms. Personeus mentioned that she will be moving forward with the creation of the tree

well plaque for Mr. Lewinstein once she receives text approval from Mr. Lewinstein. Mr. Lewinstein approved the text of “Sponsored by the Stephen Lewinstein Family” after a review of options. Ms. Personeus outlined the cross-marketing relationship between the Providence Children’s Film Festival and the Thayer Merchant’s Association that she had secured. She explained that each Thayer Merchant had the opportunity to participate by offering a discount for PCFF volunteers and attendees. Discounts were announced on the pre-roll of each film, on the website and social media, with discounts of 20% or more included on the printed brochure. Ms. Personeus mentioned that she would be meeting with Mr. Dahlberg to discuss her suggestion of creating a Thayer Public Art Plan. Ms. Personeus reported on the damage to Big Belly unit #13 (Chipotle/235 Thayer), and a sensor malfunction to unit #13 (Brown Bookstore/224 Thayer). She is working with Big Belly to solve both issues. Ms. Personeus stated she will be working with the Brown students of Artbeat to submit the next proposal for the Art Windows on Thayer for approval.

6. Presentation, Discussion and Vote to Approve TSDMA Priorities for 2016

An executive meeting was scheduled for February 22, 2016 at 9:00am to discuss and set TSDMA priorities for 2016.

7. Board Member Nominating Committee

Update on Mayor’s appointee approval

The mayor has requested a meeting with Ms. Berk as part of his appointee process. Ms. Berk reported that she will be meeting with him tomorrow, February 3, 2016.

8. Parking Initiative (Brown University) Update

Brook St Surface Lot and Lot #11

Mr. Luipold reported that Brown University’s application to the City of Providence Planning Board for the demolition of the Brown owned properties along Brook Street and repurposing of the space for a temporary, public-fee based surface parking lot received conditional approval on January 19, 2016. The next approval required will occur at the April 2016 zoning board meeting.

9. Infrastructure Update

No update to report at this time.

10. City Liaison Report

Update on Meters on Wickenden and Hope

Ms. Liander reported that she would be leaving her position with the City of Providence and that February 5 would be her last day. She mentioned that Martina Haggerty would be her temporary replacement. Ms. Liander was asked to confirm the timeline for installation of meters to Hope Street and Wickenden Street. She replied she was not aware of any changes to both being installed by the end of June 2016. Ms. Liander was also questioned regarding news reports that the meters on Thayer would be changed from 6pm to 9pm. She replied that she was not aware of any changes on Thayer Street and recommended that a letter with the TSDMA’s position be sent to both Bonnie and Brett. Ms. Personeus reported that the CHNA would be sending a letter not in favor of the meter change to 9pm. Board members also asked Ms. Liander to ask for better parking ban communications from the City.

11. Merchant Report

Ms. Mardo announced the next Thayer Merchants meeting will be held on February 3 @ 9:30 PM at

Kartabar. She reported that representatives from City Hall will be in attendance to discuss possible extension of the meters from 6pm to 9pm. Ms. Mardo reported many merchants would be participating in the cross-marketing opportunity with PCFF. She also stated the merchants will be discussing fundraising options.

12. Other Business

Update on Shark Bar & Grill

It was reported Shark Bar & Grill had an ad in the Providence Journal selling the contents of the business.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 AM.