



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

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

**MEETING MINUTES**

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

**1. Roll Call**

Directors: Dean Martineau, Chair; John Luipold; Al Dahlberg; Steve Lewinstein; Susan Mardo; Laura Berk, & Donna Personeus, Executive Director.

Ex officio members: David Shwaery; Edward Bishop

Guests: Katie Silberman, Brown University; Richard Dulgarian, Avon Cinema; Sal Hansford, Peter Scotti & Associates & Santander Bank

Absent: Paul Greisinger; Amanda Giessler; Martina Haggerty

**2. Discussion and Vote on the Board Meeting Minutes from February 2, 2016**

Minutes from the February 2, 2016 Board meeting were approved with edit 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 March 1, 2016**

The Financial Reports were presented March 1, 2016, and approved after a motion by Mr. Dahlberg which was seconded by Ms. Mardo. The vote was unanimous by all attending Board members.

**4. Chairman's Report**

Mr. Martineau reported that the hallways of the apartments above Johnny Rocket had been hit with graffiti and a police report had been filed. Mr. Dahlberg stated he would have the security cameras checked for possible footage that would be helpful in the police investigation.

**5. Executive Director Update**

Ms. Personeus stated she had been asked to submit her Executive Director report a week in advance of each Board meeting for review. The month's report was emailed on March 24, 2016 to each Board member. There was not a request to add any items to the agenda for today's meeting for further discussion.

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

The TSDMA Priorities for FY 2016 & FY 2017 were presented by Mr. Luipold, as defined during an executive meeting on February 22, 2016. The TSDMA Priorities as presented 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.

#### **7. Board Member Nominating Committee**

The mayor has not decided on an appointee to the Board at this time. The TSDMA will wait for notice from the mayor's office as to his appointee. Mr. Luipold mentioned that the slate of Executive Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer) will be discussed at May 2016 Board Meeting, with the vote to confirm at June 2016 Board Meeting. Members interested in holding an Executive Office should contact Mr. Luipold directly.

#### **8. Parking Initiative (Brown University) Update**

##### *Brook St Surface Lot and Lot #11*

There is no update at this time. The next vote for approval for the repurposing of the Brook Street properties space for a temporary, public fee-based surface parking lot is currently set to occur at the April 2016 zoning board meeting.

#### **9. Infrastructure Update**

Ms. Mardo reported the Big Belly's pull down opening outside Bagel Etc was stuck. Ms. Personeus said she would look into it.

#### **10. City Liaison Report**

There is no update at this time. Mr Martineau stated he would follow up with Ms.Haggerty, our City liaison to see if she is planning on attending future meetings.

#### **11. Merchant Report**

Ms. Mardo announced she would be attending the Wickenden Merchants Meeting, March 14 @ 7PM at 455 Wickenden Street. The mayor will be speaking in regards to meters coming to Wickenden and Hope Street. She asked for support from the Board for the Thayer Merchants position of fundamental unfairness if meters were not to be placed on Wickenden and Hope from the Board. Mr. Martineau said he would be in attendance.

#### **12. Other Business**

It was reported the contents of Shark Bar & Grill had been purchased.

New businesses in the district: Growlers Wings Bar: (165 Angell); The Barber Shop (102 Waterman, 2nd fl)

Ms. Mardo mentioned that Federal Hill has tables in the street (like parklet) taking up a parking space on the street. Thayer restaurants are interested possibly doing the same. Mr. Dahlberg noted that the Thayer Street Planning Study recommended additional outdoor seating.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 AM.