



Solano Business Improvement District Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 14, 2024

Prepared by:

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Meeting Location: Solano Oriental Rug Gallery, 1849 Solano Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94707

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Meeting commenced at 11:08 am. Board Members present: Andrew and Solomon. Also present: Solano Avenue Association (SAA) and Vincent McCoy, City of Berkeley staff.

1. Approval of Minutes for March 12, 2024, M/S/A; Solomon/Andrew/Unanimous
2. Secretary's Report
 - a. City Manager resignation
 - b. May 20 deadline for outdoor commerce/parklets – number of companies to convert is smaller than expected
 - c. Oaks climbing gym by Touchstone is open.
3. Financial Update
 - a. Awaiting payment from City of Berkeley.
 - b. Expectation is that with carryover funds there will be about \$69,000 available for the current period.
4. Discussion Items:
 - a. Enhancing public safety – discussed North Shattuck's approach as a way to try out the Ambassadors program. Estimated budget is at \$35.00/hour for about 20 hours per week. Inviting NSA to share at June board meeting.
 - b. Public Safety – intersection of Solano at Colusa will be followed up by McCoy to determine how to proceed within City of Berkeley and Solomon to provide the discussion item for the relevant department. Pedestrian activated walk button and Stop sign at Colusa were ideas shared.
 - c. Solano Avenue Beautification – discussed tree replacement, possibility of solar-powered metal art like El Cerrito.
 - d. Budget and Finance - more detailed budget, possible changes to assessment schedule. Discussed creation of additional tier within the district, possible grant program for owner generated upgrades.
5. Commissioner Recruitment – Andrew to follow up with Ms. Yoon about interest and availability.
6. Solano Avenue Association Services Update
 - a. SAA to provide current invoices for processing by City of Berkeley.
 - b. Announcement of likely change of staff within SAA and impact upon Solano Stroll.
 - c. Spring Event announced
7. Public Comment
8. Adjournment motion by Andrew, second by Solomon, unanimous vote, at 12:35 p.m.