



Solano Avenue Business  
Improvement District Advisory Board

## MINUTES

### Solano Avenue Business Improvement District Advisory Board

Tuesday, November 19th, 2019

Thousand Oaks Baptist Church | 1821 Catalina Avenue | Berkeley, CA 94707

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 11:10am.

ROLL CALL - Members present: Kate Campbell King, Todd Andrew, Peggy Smith. Members absent/excused: Tom Taylor, Janet Snidow. City Staff: Eleanor Hollander, OED/City of Berkeley (secretary), Public present: Scott Atkinson (Napa Valley Materials).

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – The minutes of the September 10th, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Andrew. Motion Carries. Abstain: none.

ELECTION OF THE VICE CHAIR – Ms. Smith was elected Vice Chair. M/S: King/Andrew, Motion Carries.

DISCUSSION ITEMS – The group heard a presentation from a porous pave company, and discussed the particulars of installation for Solano's 70-80 tree wells. Commissioner Andrew agreed to look into local landscaping contractors to perform tree well prep work. Work continues on securing porous pave tree wells and equipment storage for tree watering. Commissioner King followed up with Downtown Streets Team for a work start date on street landscaping (water trees, baskets) and clean up (litter removal) while storing equipment in a shed at Northbrae Church. Commissioner King is to work with Downtown Streets team to purchase required materials for the regular landscaping activities, and finalize the contract with itemized tasks.

The group discussed how to address commissioner recruitment, Ms. Snidow is off the board due to term limits in November 2019, and Mr. Taylor in February 2020. Several promising candidates were identified. The group discussed deepening the collaboration with the SAA and strategies to get there. The group also talked about Solano Avenue's planning study on the Albany portion of the avenue and the secured funding (\$300,000) for a similar study on the Berkeley portion of the Avenue. The BID was generally supportive of said study, and was eager to position themselves to be key advisors/contributors for the study. The meeting schedule for 2020 is proposed to be the same; third Tuesdays of the odd numbered months 11am to 12:30pm; the next one set for January 21, 2020. The group continued until the next meeting a discussion of security cameras, and event programming for 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Andrew and seconded by Ms. Smith. (Approved unanimously). Meeting Adjourned at 12:37 pm.