



ELMWOOD BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes

June 5, 2026 - 2947 College Avenue, Berkeley, CA

Attendance

- Commissioners present: Andrew Han, Jesus Chavez, and Michael Berne.
- Staff present: Vincent McCoy, Office of Economic Development

- I. **Welcome and Introductions.** The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am.
- II. **Public Comment.** No comments.
- III. **Review and Approve Minutes from February 6, 2026.** Berne made a motion, seconded by Chavez, to approve the minutes as presented, which passed unanimously.
- IV. **Chair's Report..**
 - a. **Debriefing the Music Festival** – the festival was a great success with a profit of \$3,000 despite the tough permitting process (it was approved Friday afternoon for the Sunday event. Attendees were about 120 people per stage; business feedback was positive from the small number who completed the survey. Need more businesses to participate, especially food vendors.
 - b. **Closure of Elements** – after 31 years they closed but the owner of Cotton Basic is buying the store, keeping the business and most of the inventory.
 - c. **Elmwood Business Association** reaction to Corridors Upzoning is largely in step with Save Berkeley Shops. Question is whether or not the Nabalom/Five Little Monkeys building is included instead of the Wells Fargo site.
 - d. **Upcoming Elmwood Events** – July 18 is the Beer Crawl, September 19 is the Wine Walk, and November TBD is for the Holiday Fair.
- V. **Secretary's Report.**
 - a. **City of Berkeley Budget** – budget is continuing to be refined, the Mayor's Budget proposal is pushed to June 11. The council is slated to approve the budget on June 23 or, if not then, on June 30. The budget is effective July 1. Affected employees will be notified July 2 that their positions are terminated in 30 days.
- VI. **Adjournment.** Han made a motion, seconded by Chavez, to adjourn, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:52 am.



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