Solano Business Improvement District
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 15, 2026 **Prepared by: Vincent McCoy**

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

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Meeting commenced at 11:02 am. Board Members present: R. Devany, and F. Solomon. Also present: Vincent McCoy, City of Berkeley staff.

1. Roll Call - Board Members present: R. Devany, and F. Solomon
2. Approval of Minutes for July 21, 2026, M/S/A; Devany/Solomon/Unanimous
3. Secretary's Report
    a. Corridors Upzoning report that councilmembers are advocating or supporting targeted zoning in each of the corridors.
    b. 311 – urged constituents to report issues via 311 rather than telling individuals they hope will relay their messages.
    c. 2026 BID annual report for 2026 and 2027 budget need to be developed by year end. Solomon will work on both. (M/S/A: Devany/Solomon/Unanimous, no abstentions.)
4. Discussion Items
    a. Hanging flower basket – proposed solar lighting as an alternative to the plants which are difficult to maintain.
    b. Parking fee changes – there is concern about the enforcement and need for additional parking.
    c. Solano Stroll – it was a good day for some, Berkeley portion was less busy, the music and wrestling event were not considered as family friendly as desired.
5. Chair's Report
    a. Marketing – will continue marketing via Edible East Bay, Visit Berkeley.
    b. Board voted to issue the approved response in opposition to the Corridors Upzoning – M/S/A Devany/Solomon/Unanimous.
6. Financial Update
    a. BID has about $35,000 in cash-on-hand, which is sufficient for Solano Stroll and other upcoming expenses.
7. Public Comment – none
8. Commissioner Recruitment – two business owners have expressed interest. Current commissioners said that continuing in 2027 will be difficult. New commissioner will be required.
9. Adjournment - motion by Solomon, second by Devany, Unanimous at 1:02 p.m.