

East Sprague Business Improvement District

Advisory Board Meeting

February 21, 2018

12:00pm - 1:30pm

SPRAGUE UNION TERRACE (1420 E SPRAGUE AVE) COMMUNITY ROOM

MINUTES - APPROVED

Attendance

Advisory Board Members present: Jim Hanley (Zone 1, Business/Property Owner), Bob Mauk (Zone,3 Business/Property Owner), LaVerne Biel (Zone 1, Business/Property Owner), Darryl Reber (Zone 1, Non-Profit & Residential).

City of Spokane Staff present: Mellissa Owen,

Guests and community partners present:

Steve McBride Skils'kin

Welcome and Introductions:

Motion to approve minutes from the January 17, 2018 meeting:

Motion made, minutes approved.

Presentation:

Steve McBride from Skils'kin provided information on services that Skils'kin employees may be able to provide for the district. Skils'kin employs individuals with disabilities that may otherwise not find employment and fits them to jobs that match their capabilities. For the BID District this would include snow removal, litter control, weeding the new shrub beds, and general cleanup.

Steve will be getting back to us with an estimated cost for the proposed work.

Discussion Items:

1. Snow Removal

- a. Pete Marney did some measuring of sidewalks in the BID and found that the Gator type vehicle for snow removal would not work in all areas. Pete found a 4Wheel ATV with a 48" plow, winch, turn signals and lights for \$5995 + \$150 for the plow installation, plus tax and license. Other items needed are ice melt, 2 new snow shovels, spreader for the ice melt and fuel. Cost of approximately \$160. Pete is willing to do the snow removal for \$35/ hr plus \$10 an hour for an additional person on heavy snow days.
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2. Hanging Flower Baskets

Baskets are ordered and being grown by Creech Greenhouses.

Living Waters Landscape will flush the drippers prior to the baskets going up to ensure we have good watering capability. They are also available to do weed control for the planter beds.

3. Website

As of this date the Facebook page for the BID is up and running. The website is being worked on but has not gone live yet.

4. Gateway Enhancements

Several signage suggestion were made for the district. Initial response from the board was for a more historical looking presentation. More to come on signage in the future.

5. Graffiti Removal

There has been an uptick in the amount of graffiti in the district recently.

The graffiti on the Overhauser building at Sprague and Napa was going to be worked on but the owner refused to allow the work to proceed.

6. Vanessa Behan Nursery Project

The old Safeway – Spokane Youth Sports Bingo building is scheduled to be torn down Starting March 9th.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2018

Agenda: PBIA program updates.
