



East Sprague Parking and Business Improvement Area (PBI) Ratepayer Advisory Board Meeting

Date: January 19, 2022 Time: 12:00 to 1:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Quorum met

Officers: Darryl Reber - President (Chair), Amy Vega – Vice Chair (via zoom), Chris Venne – Secretary, Tresa Schmautz – Treasurer, Board Members: Dana Reinke, Jaymi Dunbar (absent), Doug Trudeau -- ESBA Board President Ex Officio, Executive Director – LaVerne Biel, Committee Representatives: Jim Hanley, & Bob Mauk

- President Darryl Reber opened the meeting at 12:01p.
- Previous Minutes for 12.15.2021 were approved as written (Dana/Chris)
- Financial Reports from 12/31/2021 were reviewed – Tresa Schmautz
 - Reviewed areas that we could save money for 2022
 - Hook flowers to the water differently (flowers were replaced 3 times throughout the spring and summer 2021)
 - Stronger and deeper baskets for water retainage
 - Minimize flower bed weeding to twice a year
 - We are not able to predict snow fall. We could add more to our budget if needed for 2023
 - We discussed the Ventrac repair for 2021 as an additional cost
 - Labor costs have gone up
 - Minimize holiday setup fees - have a prescheduled date with volunteer assistance
 - LaVerne will ask the City (Kara) to start working to raise the cap fees for the BID 2023 to keep ahead of inflation

BID Programs

- Neighborhood Beautification – Bob Mauk
 - No report
- Clean and Green – Jim Hanley
 - One garbage can has been repaired. LaVerne will contact Kara to find out how we could receive the Big Belly Garbage cans into our district (solar powered, trash compacted, plus the city empties them

- We discussed purchasing another 20' container and where to store the containers in the future.
- Amy will check with Family Promise to see if they have space in their basement to store the angels. Jim believed that we could get by with one storage container if we could find somewhere to store the angels.
- When weather permits LaVerne and Jim will go through the storage containers to throw broken equipment.
- The Ventrac and Sidewalk sweeper are also stored in the container.
- Safety and Security – Darryl Reber
 - We discussed low barrier housing and getting people into available beds
 - Homeless issue at Freya and 2nd Ave which is on WADOT land
 - Jim indicated that the Ventrac driver has not been using enough ice melt on the sidewalks. One solution is to have bags ready (two bags for every other block) ahead of the driver. LaVerne volunteered to supply the ice melt to the driver if notified in advance.
 - Jim informed us that the light pole at Magnolia & Sprague has not been replaced. This is considered a pedestrian safety concern.
- District Branding and Marketing – Tresa Schmautz and Dana Reinke
 - Tresa received spreadsheet information from the City regarding the historical walking map. The City does not have recent software to get the map working. Dana was interested in looking at the information to see if we could develop something ourselves.
 - Dana will continue to work on the walking map. LaVerne will work with George Demakis to bill the businesses interested in advertising.
 - We discussed McKinnely School and if we see code violations to go online and file them. Example: broken fence, things in disarray.
- Administration – LaVerne Biel
 - No additional report
- *Meeting Adjourned 1:30p for cake and apple cider – Thank you Bob and Jim!*