



Board Meeting Minutes: Wednesday June 26, 2019

Heritage Square Hall, 731 South A St. Oxnard, CA 93030

- 1. Call to Order**
 - a. Chairman Vince Behrens called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
 - b. Directors present: Mark Spellman, Ozzie Lopez, Janie Lai, Cathi Comras, Angelique Estrada, and Tiffany Lopez. Quorum met.
 - c. City: Jeffrey Lambert, Community Development Director, Emilio Ramirez, Oxnard Housing Director; OPD Sr. Officer Sandra Plymire; Efrain Marquez, PSC. Staff: Abel Magana and Amber Garcia.
- 2. Public Comments**
 - a. G. Blum- Looking for sponsorship from the ODMD board for the Salsa Festival.
- 3. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting May 22, 2019:**
 - a. Motion to approve made by Spellman; Seconded by Estrada. Motion Passed.
- 4. Financial Report for the period ending May 31, 2019:**
 - a. Motion to receive & file financial report made by O.Lopez; Seconded by Estrada. Motion Passed.
- 5. Downtown Homeless Development Update:**
 - a. Emilio Ramirez- A preliminary assessment at Plaza Park was conducted by 20 volunteers from different service providers. Volunteers were able to engage with 32 people, 8 claimed they were not homeless, 5 refused service or communication, 19 filled out surveys. The process took about three hours and were able to house one person. Efforts will continue with goal to reduce homeless numbers in park by Labor Day. Council contracting with Mercy House to operate shelter.
- 6. Community Development Update:**
 - a. Lambert- Council approved exclusive negotiation agreements with Madison Park of Oakland, for the alternate purchase and development of two key downtown properties, Plaza Park North by the social security building and Plaza East, the parking lot along B Street between 5th and 6th. Downtown Zoning Code unanimously approved by Planning Commission and is scheduled for Council on July 16th. PBID renewal also July 16. Scheduled session with event planners in effort to improve TUP process. City has an internal committee focused on downtown issues. ODMD staff or Board member may be invited to participate in that group.
- 7. Organizational Improvements:**
 - a. The Board reviewed a memo proposed by Marco Li Mandri, a City consultant, advising ODMD to reorganize committees to more closely align with the Management Plan. If adopted, committees would be a "Civil Sidewalks," "Organization," "Identity & Placemaking," and "Land Use." No action taken.
- 8. Reports:**
 - a. Marketing Committee, Clean & Safe, Organization reports were received and filed.
- 9. Board Comments:** Estrada - Inform board members about any upcoming meetings.
Comras - Impressed with Emilio's work.
- 10. Adjournment: 7:45 PM**

Minutes compiled by Amber Garcia