



**Board Meeting Minutes: Wednesday July 24, 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 5:36 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, Staff: Abel Magana and Amber Garcia.
- 2. Public Comments**
  - a. None.
- 3. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting June 26, 2019:**
  - a. Motion to approve minutes 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 Spellman. Motion Passed.
- 5. Board Appointments:**
  - a. Item postponed for next month due to members who were up for re-election were not present for the meeting at the time. No action was taken.
- 6. Community Development Update:**
  - a. Lambert\_Congratulations the ODMD being renewed for another 5 years and beating downtown Ventura's renewal percentage by 7%. Downtown Code was approved as presented with two changes, side setbacks between new buildings at zero and preference for traditional architecture in the downtown core. City had the first meeting with Madison Park developers and they will return in September and come to ODMD's September 25<sup>th</sup> board meeting. An internal Downtown Team meeting took place to discuss the settlement money and to come up with recommendations to go to Council in September. The city is moving forward with cannabis and short-term vacation rentals and on August 1<sup>st</sup> regulations will go to the planning commission. Going to Planning Commission to add retail dispensary opportunity for cannabis on August 15<sup>th</sup> and September 17<sup>th</sup> to Council for approval. Code enforcement specialist Matt Silver is working with the city to resolve the two car dealership lots on the Boulevard to get property up to code to improve the image coming into the downtown.
- 7. Committee & Staff Reports:**
  - a. District Safety- Two break-ins happened at the social security building. Broke up a homeless encampment at the Teatro. Private property owners should have no trespassing/loitering signs in front of business for district safety and police to enforce.
  - b. Marketing Committee- Attendance was low last week for First Thursdays due to 5 Food Trucks cancelling at the very last minute and because of this moving forward a deposit fee will be added for all participating trucks. Salsa Festival is this weekend on July 26,27,28<sup>th</sup>. Staff is planning on creating End of the Block party at La Gloria on September 21<sup>st</sup> to be a family friendly community event.
- 8. Board Comments:**

- a.C. Comras- Looking forward to a set date and time for ODMD organizational meeting.
- b.T. Lopez- Would like to have a mixer and is willing to organize it.
- c. O. Madrigal- Cowboys are in town for the next 3 weeks, first practice will be July 26<sup>th</sup>.
- d. V. Behrens- Happy with the City and how its team is stepping up, and happy that the District got renewed for another 5 years.
- e. A. Estrada- Congratulations on the renewal and would like to discuss Christmas décor for the downtown, the sooner the better.
- f. M. Spellman- Look for sponsorship for lighting of the tree and pagoda since the city has cut back on funding this year.
- g. O.Lopez- Congratulations for all the work Abel put into the PBID and for his help and the clean teams help to get rid of rodents behind building.

**9. Adjournment: 7:50 PM**

Minutes compiled by Amber Garcia