



Downtown Improvement Association

June 2nd, 2021 | 6:00 pm – 7:16 pm | Nector Cafe

ATTENDEES AND ABSENTEES

Sharla Sare – President - Present

Mariner Revell – Vice President - Present

Michelle Leite – Treasurer - Present

Mishi Clauberg – Secretary - Present

Board Members –Tor Clauberg, Deborah Beaver, Dinnie Kysar, Carlene Wolf

Guests – Senator Acasio, Kristine Kubat, Steve Bader, Lieutenant Derr

Review & Approval of Minutes

6:10- Carlene Wolf motions to approve minutes. Dinnie Kysar seconds. Minutes Approved.

Reports

President's Report

None.

Treasurer's Report

None.

Committee Reports

Economic & Sustainability – Sharla Sare reported the plan to start First Fridays again, promote music in Kalakaua park and the idea to set up booths and food trucks to support Zero Waste efforts.

Recovery & Events – Dinnie Kysar reported that Heart of Hilo continues to be a success. Benches at Kalakaua Park are finished. Heart of Hilo had 600 people stroll by. July at One Gallery and August at Wild Heartist. Steve Bader gave an overview of event planning climate in relation to COVID restrictions. Largest event to date was the ½ Ironman. Civil Defense reviews requests if its park use. There is an online process for up to 1000 attendees. The goal of review is not to turn down or approve events but to see how it can be made to work safely. Instead of just turning down, suggestions to change the format for a safe environment are made. Currently the rules are 25 indoors and 75 outdoors. They are asking for a 30 day lead time after submission for review.

Membership – No Report.



Safety & Beautification- Lieutenant Derr reported the plan to issue citations for shopping carts found on the street in possession of the homeless population. We discussed and requested to bring back regular power washing and sweeps to the downtown sidewalks. He reported that there are two officers being put on for foot patrol on Wednesdays and Saturdays that rotate.

ORDERS OF BUSINESS

I. Unfinished Business

a. Glow Hilo

Discussed approval of grant through AARP for initial sidewalk lighting at select locations. Locations will be determined based on need and safety. Currently working on scouting out these locations.

II. New Business

a. Discussion with Senator Acasio

Ongoing discussion of making our streets cleaner and safer. Discussed limited bathroom hours and how that creates after hours issues with the homeless using the streets as their bathroom instead. Discussed possibility of self-policing and giving the homeless the kuleana of caring for them. Discussed possibility of portable toilets. Showers are still being provided every Friday.

Actively working to pull people in, like Amy Curtis with Mental Health Services at Dept of Health, to organize a meeting and try to find solutions. CIP is a longer term process and is projected at 3 years out. In the short term, we are trying to find resources to implement and pilot project to gain sense of confidence in the community.

The idea of Homeless Court was suggested and we acknowledged how much limited information we have on current legislation that may already be in place.

III. Future Action Steps

a. DIA requested Lieutenant Derr to work on citations for carts and try to find plan for alternative jail time for rehabilitation. Currently it's either jail or back on the streets. If we could gain a better understanding of how to work together with the judge and prosecution, we could end the constant cycle with no results.

b. DIA requested Steve Mader to ask the Mayors office to reapprove the regular cleaning and power washing of the sidewalks. The sweeps and disinfecting were very effective and are missed. We also requested him to check on Homeless Court and current legislation.



c. Senator Acasio will work on the long term plan and continue efforts to get in front of people that can make a change. Continue efforts to inspire Conversation and Confidence. Start conversation and possibilities of Homeless Court and the legislation process involved with making that happen. Check on current legislation already in place, if any.

CLOSING

- **Next Meeting** July 14th, 2021 at 6:00 pm at Big Island Beef Jerky
- Meeting adjourned at 7:16



H I L O

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes