

Dimond Improvement Association
Board meeting minutes, 4/9/15

Board members present: Zandile Christian, David Coleman, Fran Donahue, Craig Flanery, Chris Harper, Julie Johnson, Robert Raburn, Daniel Swafford, JoAnn Tract-Rawson, Victoria Wake.

Absent: Marion Mills, Tom Rose, Joey Smith

Guests: Hoang Banh (OPD Neighborhood Service Coordinator), Adam Simons (Council District 4), Philip Bell (Southern Café), Karen-Marie Schroeder, Carol Lonegran (NCPC-22X)

Election of Officers: Unanimous approval was given for the following officers: Chris Harper, Chair; Julie Johnson, Treasurer; Victoria Wake, Recorder.

March Minutes. Minutes were approved with changes after motion (Zandile) and second (JoAnn).

Treasurer's Report. No Treasurer's report was given.

Southern Cafe. Owner Philip Bell gave background on the history, philosophy, and plans for his business. He has heard there are some concerns in the neighborhood, and he would like to learn what they are and discuss them. On the subjects of parking and litter, he regularly encourages his patrons to park on Excelsior or MacArthur, rather than Canon or Veteran, and he regularly picks up trash and keeps his premises litter-free. He has applied for a license to sell hard liquor (in addition to wine and beer) and, if it's approved, would probably extend his open hours to something like 11pm (not a definite plan as of yet). His interest is to provide more options to his customers, increase his revenue margin, and enable him to do full-service catering. It's not his intention to become "a club" or "a bar," and food would always be served during open hours. It was decided that Hoang would facilitate a meeting between Phil and Canon neighbors in the near future.

WIP Reports.

- Everyone agreed that the April 1 General Meeting, coordinated by Zandile, was excellent and represented a different kind of meeting for the DIA. The good attendance, wonderful presenters, and great audience participation made for a very meaningful evening.
- The upcoming Dimond Night Out (June 9) was discussed and the need for a DIA leader to get the preparation underway was acknowledged. Chris and Zandile will talk with Marion, who expressed interest in working on the event, when she returns from vacation.
- Adam announced upcoming town hall meetings to get input on the City's proposed budget, a clean-up at Allendale Park. He also relayed that the man who assaulted a woman in Dimond Park has been charged with felony assault.
- Karen reported on the March meeting of the NCPC-22X and requested that the DIA go in with the NCPC to make a contribution to the Oakland Animal Shelter in memory of Michael Bailey. Chris made a discretionary authorization of \$50.

- Zandile reported that she and Karen are completing an application for a 2015 Community Stewardship Grant from Alameda County's Clean Water Program to support Keep Dimond Clean. David offered to assist.
- JoAnn reported that she has made some progress in getting city approval to apply artwork to the two utility boxes near the corner of MacArthur and Fruitvale (by Wells Fargo). She is meeting with Public Works next week and, after some paperwork, the project will be presented to the Public Art Advisory Committee.

Drupal Upgrade. A security upgrade to the website's CMS to Drupal 6.35 is estimated to cost \$75 to \$150 and would be performed by Jack Ha. Motion was made (Robert), seconded (Craig), and approved unanimously to authorize up to \$150.

CiviCRM Upgrade. An upgrade from 3.4 to 4.4. (or whatever is the latest) is estimated to cost from \$450 to \$600 and would be performed by Jack Ha. Motion was made (Robert), seconded (Zandile) and approved unanimously to authorize up to \$600.

PA System. Purchasing a portable PA system that includes mics, amplifier, speakers, and stands, and a 100-foot extension cord is estimated to cost about \$500. Zandile would make the purchase and store the equipment. Daniel recommended looking at the system Fred Finch uses, which seems very good. Motion was made (Zandile), seconded (Robert), and approved unanimously to authorize up to \$500.

Adjournment. A motion and second were made to adjourn the meeting.

Next Board meeting: May 14, 2015

DRAFT Minutes submitted by Victoria Wake