

**Dimond Improvement Association  
Board of Directors meeting minutes, 4/11/19**

**Board members present:** Jay Ashford, Tomasz Finc, Chris Harper, Julie Johnson, Marion Mills, Ryan Romaneski, Robert Raburn, Daniel Swafford, JoAnn Tracht-Rawson. **Absent:** Ahmad Anderson, Zandile Christian, Fran Donohue, Victoria Wake. **Guests:** Gaylen Roberts; Amauri Collins-McMurray.

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Chris convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**1. Approval of Agenda.**

ACTION: Approve agenda as proposed. (Motion: unknown; Second: unknown; in favor, unanimous.)

**2. Approval of March minutes.**

ACTION: Approve March minutes with the addition of the name of artist and team for the Beinati Parking Lot art project. (Motion: unknown; Second: unknown; in favor, unanimous.)

**3. Chair's Report.** Chris would like board members to host social get-togethers, occasionally, so we can get to know one another personally; he would also like more wine and cheese events.

**4. Treasurer's Report.** Julie passed out copies of the DIA profit & loss statement for April 2018 to March 2019.

**5. District 4 Council Report.** Amauri reported that Grand Lake Kitchen is hiring personnel and may open by May 1; the firehouse restaurant has inspection and approvals moving forward. Reference to the priorities letter sent to Sheng was made. CVS relations were discussed, including last year's meeting with JoAnn, Daniel, and David Coleman present; Amauri will work on quarterly meetings to resolve issues in dirty parking lot, store and car theft, lack of security, and multiple graffiti incidents. The issue of student noise and fighting at bus stops came up, and Chris will get Amauri a copy of bus routes. Robert asked about the paving plan for MacArthur, given the online city information lacks details; Amauri will provide Robert with more information. Board members can always send Amauri questions about Dimond issues. His priority will be to report on Dimond issues more than city-wide issues.

**6. WIP reports.** Newsletter articles are due to JoAnn by May 1. Panhandling committee structure is being discussed by Chris and Victoria. There are five exterior security cameras installed and running at Grand Lake Kitchen.

**7. Nomination of DIA Board Officers.** Ryan facilitated the discussion. Nominations from the floor: Chair--Chris, Victoria, Ryan (declined); Treasurer--Julie, Fran, Ryan (declined); Recorder: Victoria, Marion (declined). Ryan will contact absent nominees to ask if they accept or decline the nominations, or if they have other names to submit in nomination. He will then conduct the online election.\*

**8. Gaylen Roberts.** Gaylen is business partner of Man Lee, owner of a vacant property at 2968 MacArthur Blvd. (cross street Maple). They would like support from DIA via letter to get a free EPA brownfields technical assessment of the property, which was a dry cleaners at one time. Gaylen will send Chris information about the project so the support letter can be written.

ACTION: Send a DIA letter of support for the EPA testing of property at 2968 MacArthur Blvd. (Motion: unknown; Second: unknown; in favor, unanimous.)

**9. DIA FY20 Goals.** Chris handed out DIA priorities and goals. Discussion followed about rearranging goals that don't fit the priorities. No action was taken.

**10. DIA FY20 Budget.** Chris handed out Budget vs. Actuals FYE 2019: 4-18 to 3-19. Discussion followed. Chris wants committees to make proposals for changes to the document.

**Adjournment.** Chris adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

**Next board meeting:** May 9, 2019

\* Note: In the week following the meeting, Ryan finalized the nominees accepting nomination. In the end, having only one nominee per office, no election was held and new officers were announced as follows: Chris, Chair; Julie, Treasurer; Victoria, Recorder.

*Minutes submitted by Marion Mills (with revisions by Victoria Wake)  
Approved 7/11/19*