

**Dimond Improvement Association  
Board of Directors meeting minutes, 6/14/18**

**Board members present at start of meeting:** Zandile Christian, Tomasz Finc, Chris Harper, Julie Johnson, Daniel Swafford, JoAnn Tracht-Rawson, Victoria Wake. **Arriving later:** Robert Raburn. **Absent:** Ahmad Anderson, Fran Donohue, Marion Mills, Ryan Romaneski. **Guest:** Iowayna Peña.

**Abbreviations used in minutes:** DB&PA (Dimond Business & Professional Association); OPD (Oakland Police Department)

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

**1. Agenda approval.**

ACTION: Approve agenda as presented. (Motion: Zandile; Second: JoAnn; in favor, unanimous)

**2. May minutes approval.**

ACTION: Approve minutes from the May 10 board meeting as submitted. (Motion: JoAnn; Second: Tomasz; in favor, 6; opposed, 0; abstain, 1 [Zandile])

**3. Chair's report.** Chris made a pitch for positive, collaborative working relations for the benefit of the organization's larger goals. He will be contacting each board member for a one-on-one discussion, likely in July.

**4. Work in Progress (WIP) reports.**

*Beautification.* Victoria reported that mulching 21 tree wells with red lava rock is planned; a second bid for the Champion Transit Plaza landscape project has been received; planting two new trees adjacent to the future Grand Lake Kitchen will likely happen in the fall, with the property owner covering the cost of concrete-cutting for the tree wells.

*Communications.* JoAnn reported that a tablecloth and runner with DIA logo have been ordered; more use of the membership list is happening with periodic announcements of upcoming events; wider distribution of the newsletter is planned via other area listserves; various corrections and improvements to the website are in the works.

*Finance.* Julie distributed a balance sheet showing funds in DIA general accounts and Oaktoberfest accounts.

*Keep Dimond Clean.* Zandile reported that the committee is working to get DIA/KDC recognition signage up at the Caltrans lot and possibly at Champion Transit Plaza; aiming to recruit more volunteers through publicity efforts; and beginning to discuss plans for the 2018 fundraising campaign.

*Public Safety.* Daniel reported that the committee is working on scheduling a meet-and-greet session with the OPD walking officer for the Dimond, and the board will be invited.

*Oaktoberfest.* Daniel reported that sponsorship commitments are going very well, exceeding past years at this same point; the "call for vendors" announcement will go out next week; the stein art competition is underway; and a kid's art competition to design the root beer mugs will launch in the near future.

*Dimond Picnic.* Robert reported that Ryan and Karen Marie Schroeder are working with him on preparations, including pulling together information for a poster.

*October 3 General Meeting.* Robert reported that he has arranged with the League of Women Voters to coordinate and facilitate a forum of candidates running for the City Council District 4 seat.

**5. Council District 4 Report.** Iowayna reported the following from Annie Campbell-Washington's office:

- Public meetings are underway on the City's Capital Improvement Program; a scheduling conflict prevented holding one in the Dimond but there is one on June 23, 10am-12pm, at the main library.
- Aliza Gallo, the City's Economic Development Coordinator, is still pursuing a meeting with CVS regional management, and DIA representatives will be invited.
- A crack in the bottom of Lions Pool in Dimond Park has been discovered, and repairs may be incorporated with other planned work on the pool.

Robert asked about the EBMUD work along MacArthur Blvd. and Montana Street, suggesting that signage be installed to inform the public and that the City ensure that the roadway is resurfaced well when the work is completed.

Victoria asked about the delay in opening Grand Lake Kitchen, and Iowayna said that it involves approving the alcohol license.

**6. Adoption of FY19 budget.** Chris presented a revised, balanced-budget proposal of \$52,225, as recommended by the Finance Committee. Revisions included a \$9,000 reduction in projected revenue from Oaktoberfest 2017 and various reductions in committee budgets. Two actions were taken in order to partially remedy a discrepancy discovered during the meeting and to move the budget process forward.

ACTION: Disburse \$2,150 to DIA and \$2,150 to DB&PA from Oaktoberfest reserves. (Motion: Robert; Second: Daniel; in favor, 6; opposed, 1 [Victoria]; abstain, 1 [Tomasz])

ACTION: Approve FY 2019 budget of \$54,375 in revenue and \$56,080 in expenses. (Motion: Daniel; Second: Chris; in favor, 5; opposed, 2 [JoAnn, Victoria]; abstain, 1 [Tomasz])

**7. Head Royce Master Plan update.** JoAnn briefly updated the board, reporting that Head Royce advised the Neighborhood Steering Committee (NSC) that the detailed information and studies it has requested will be available when the school submits its formal application and draft Environmental Impact Report to the City. The NSC is hopeful that Head Royce will agree to form a "discussion committee" with the community in the meantime.

**Adjournment.** Chris adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

**Next board meeting:** July 12, 2018

*Minutes submitted by Victoria Wake  
Approved 7/12/18*