

Meeting began at 7:05 p.m. chaired by Chris Harper.

Attendees: Chris Harper, Joey Smith, Zandile Christian, Robert Raburn, David Coleman, Daniel Swafford, JoAnn Tracht-Rawson, Victoria Wake, Karen Marie Schroeder, Julie Johnson, and Marion Mills.

Absentees: Michael Dailey, Tito Tayco, Fran Donohue, and Craig Flanery

Guests: Adam Simons(District 4)and Cali Kamala(business/The Hive)

**February minutes approved:** motioned by Marion and seconded by Joey.

**Treasurer's Report:** This report was submitted to the board. Details are available upon request.

**Reimbursement for trees:** Marion introduced the payment due for the trees and plants recently planted. Receipts had been brought to DIA by Kathy Caskey, but no payment has been received. It is March and receipts were provided in December. This was discussed and will be pursued.

**Oaktoberfest meetings begin:** These meetings will begin this month with the third Tuesday of each month being designated as meeting times at NAMA. The first meeting is March 17th starting at 6:00 p.m. Oaktoberfest will occur on October 3, 2015.

**Michael Bailey:** Robert Raburn announced the death of Michael Bailey, an active DIA member and secretary of the NCPC steering committee. He will be missed.

**CiviCRM upgrade:** Robert has contracted Jack Ha to complete a security upgrade of DRUPAL. Payment of \$225 is due to him. The CiviCRM needs to be able to produce membership reminders of dues payments and is the next project.

**Domaine Name:** We are keeping the current Domaine name, but it is registered under Chris Harper's name.

**District 4 report:** Adam Simons noted that small businesses are struggling to meet the criteria for Measure FF. The sick leave provisions and salary increases are difficult to meet. The Mayor's budget report will come due the end of April

and Annie Campbell Washington, district 4 council person will share her budget ideas at that time.

Jack Stewart's work on the Champion Street restaurant is continuing. He is researching funding options. He thinks that construction will begin this summer and is scheduled to end November 30, 2015. The restaurant might open in January 2016.

**Realty:** Joey stated that Full Moon Fish House has a buyer, not Ruben. The owners did not wish to discuss the details.

**Picnic in Dimond Park:** This year, the picnic will be on July 19th. This is a good time for the community to celebrate together and enjoy Circus Bella. Donations are welcome!

**General Meetings:** April 1st general meeting concerns mental health and suicide prevention. It will be chaired by Zandile. This will also be our board election night, also, monitored by JoAnn and Karen Marie.

**Parklet/Hive:** The planned parklet would take the two parking spaces in front of The Hive and Jackson Hewlett Tax preparation. It would be a public area designated by the City, but maintained and built by the owners of The Hive. Oakland Building and Planning has to agree to the plans. It is approved by the City, but has to be offered for public review, said Cali. She asked for \$3,000 funding from DIA board. This amount was approved by the majority of the Board with two abstentions.

**Homeless issues:** More camping of homeless in Caltrans Park and Ride under the freeway. Marion and Adam said they would contact Huang Bahn.

**Green Wall Grant:** Julie Johnson spoke about the art projects of Pam Consear, who is working on a grant to paint and tile the walls at Loard's Ice Cream Parlor, St. Louis Veterinary, and 2101 Club. Pam wants ideas from the community and she wants to include some Dimond history. Board members, each, were invited to create a tile. This would result in some pleasing art for Dimond.

**Meeting adjourned:** Joey motioned and Marion seconded.

Minutes by Karen Marie Schroeder

