

MINUTES

Downtown Advisory Board

Thursday, June 25, 2020–12:00 P.M.

Virtual Meeting

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order and Roll Call: 12:02 PM

Roll Call: Brad Compton; Tyson Giza; Hilary Holman- Kidd, Vincenzo Meduri; Laurie Miller Linda Nishioka; Aaron Terpening; Dana Vugteveen; Charles Weathers

Absent: Joshua Kay; Scott McLeod

Staff: Renee Frazier; Kristin Retherford; Anita Sandoval; Sheri Wahrgren

Guest: Mayor Bennett; Councilor Hoy, Councilor Kaser, Jimmy Jones

The board welcomed newest member, Charles Weathers.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Move to approve the agenda for June 25, 2020, as presented

Motion by: Board Member Vugteveen

Seconded by: Board Member Nishioka

Action: Approved the agenda for June 25, 2020, as presented.

Vote: Aye: Unanimous **Motion PASSES**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Move to approve the Minutes from March 12, 2020, as presented

Motion by: Board Member Vugteveen

Seconded by: Board Member Nishioka

Action: Approved the Minutes from March 12, 2020; as presented.

Vote: Aye: Unanimous **Motion PASSES**

4. ACTION ITEMS - None

5. INFORMATION REPORTS

a. Homelessness update – Mayor Bennett and Councilors Hoy and Kaser

Mayor Bennett gave a brief overview of the City’s efforts in response to the homeless crisis during the pandemic and how the programs might move forward. Councilor Hoy, Chair of the Salem Housing Authority Commission and Vice-Chair of the Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Initiative Alliance, explained some of the opportunities available to the alliance that may benefit the local issues.

Comments/Questions: Terpening, Retherford, Vugteveen, Kaser, Nishioka

b. Arches Services – Jimmy Jones, Director

Director Jones provided an update on the homeless crisis, outlined their services and future plans including the Navigation Center.

Comments/Questions: Meduri, Hoy, Terpening, Nisioka, Giza

c. Saffron/UGM redevelopment opportunity

Sheri Wahrgren discussed the process to develop a scope of work for the sites. A Subcommittee was established to bring ideas back to the DAB for review. Volunteers include members Terpening, Meduri, Nishioka, and Giza.

Comments/Questions: Terpening

6. “WHAT’S HAPPENING DOWNTOWN?”

a. Summer Streets: The City has approved weekend closers of select streets downtown throughout the Summer to allow businesses to move into the streets to accommodate social distancing. The program begins Friday, July 3. **Comments/Questions:** Terpening, Wahrgren, Hoy

- b. Downtown vacancy updates
- c. Azuls Taco House is now open
- d. Bentley's Coffee will open July 3
- e. Recent closures include Ranch Records, Rapid Relief, Bella Vista

7. **ADJOURN** – 1:42 p.m. Next Meeting: July 23, 2020