

“To create a safe, welcoming, revitalized and accessible neighborhood that embraces its cultural history, richness and diversity, offering housing, economic opportunities and community services.”

Salinas Downtown Community Board

Board Meeting
December 4, 2013

Present: Don Reynolds, Seth Pollack, Ruben Cortes, Kathy Young, Larry Hirahara, Eugene Bigay, Wally Ahtye, Wellington Lee, Jill Allen, Ann Houle, James Barnes, Marilyn Dorman, Tom Melville, Glorietta Rowland, Amit Pandya, Gerald Cheang

Guests: Cathy Chavez Miller, Melissa Cortes, Chuck Creswell, Nigel, Maria Alvarez, Andrea Nield, Maria Cisneros

- I. The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Ruben Cortes.
- II. Public Comments – Eugene Bigay announced that the latest “Voices on the Street” has been published. Glorietta Rowland described the “crochet a sleeping mat” project and said donations may be made to the John Steinbeck Library for this project.

III. Consent Agenda

- A. Pollack moved to approve the minutes and to appoint Jim Barnes as Co-chair and Kathy Young as Treasurer seconded by Wellington Lee passed.
- B. Jim Barnes provided a November financial report, moved to accept this report by Marilyn Dorman, seconded by Seth Pollack, passed.

IV. Updates

- A. The retreat strategic plan and priorities were discussed. Additional changes can be directed to Marilyn Dorman by the Friday which will be forwarded to Don Reynolds by Monday so this information can be shared on Tuesday with the Homeless Ad Hoc Committee of the City.
- B. Transferring the Old Republic Café lease and insurance policy to ACE is still in process, the ACE board is expected to consider this at their meeting next week.
- C. The 2014 draft budget and fundraising plan were discussed, moved by Hirahara to accept both, seconded by Reynolds, passed. A Community Foundation grant proposal will be due in the first of February, prior to that being done a report will need to be submitted on our previous grant. Melville and Pollack said they would work on these tasks.
- D. Non-profit status – Our non-profit status has been reinstated retroactively to 2012. We could be taxed on years before that time, 2010-2012. Barnes will complete the federal and state tax returns and send copies to Dorman, Pollack, and Melville.
- E. Draft budget was not approved.

V. Old Business

- A. Community Relations Report – Rowland reported that the committee has received training and has begun working on guidelines/policies for web site administration.
- B. CHAT – There will be no formal barbecue this month, however, the service providers will work with the Temple and Dorothy’s Place on a social event for

- homeless adults to be held on December 20th from 11 – 3. Dorothy’s Place will provide food, gifts, music, and Santa. Catherine Tran is seeking volunteers to assist with the event. Set up will begin at 10 am and clean-up will be completed by 3 pm. On December 21 there will be a children’s party at Dorothy’s Place.
- C. ACE – They purchased two long tables and twelve chairs for the café. CSUMB provided a generator for electricity for the retreat “Imagine Salinas Chinatown” held at the café. This event began to visualize what the building could become, beginning with mobile exhibits. The front (door) of the café is now accessible thanks to CHAT, SSS, and the Community Learning Center staff.
 - D. Safety, Security, and Sanitation – A map of the October criminal activity in the neighborhood was distributed. There appears to be more police activity in the neighborhood.
 - E. RAT – Reconnection to the area outside of Chinatown will be discussed on the 17th with the City Council, including changing back to two-way streets.
 - F. Joint meeting for CHAT-ACE-SSS – At that meeting the discussion will include moving the homeless away from Soledad Street and how to plan for that, as well as, how to begin to implement the rebound plan. Movement of the homeless away from Soledad Street will need to include jobs, housing, services, and bathroom facilities.

VI. New Business

Report to the City Council

The CIP is not funded. The presentation should include information by ACE, CHAT, and SSS. Don Reynolds will introduce the speakers and will close the presentation.

On Monday, December 16th at the Community Learning Center at 4:30 pm the presentation will be discussed in depth for those who will be participating,

Meeting adjourned

Minutes taken by Marilyn Dorman, Secretary.