

“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

November 6, 2013

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

Guests: Cathy Chavez Miller, Melissa Cortes, Salvador Munoz, Jeff Lehner

I. The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Ruben Cortes.

II. Public Comments – there were none.

III. Consent Agenda

A. Hirahara moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Pollack, passed.

B. Verbal financial report was given by Barnes. There is currently about \$600 in our account and the web designer has been fully paid.

IV. Updates

A. Fundraising plan was discussed and revised to state that the grants to be written will address the objectives and priorities of this retreat, Pollack moved to accept with changes, seconded by Barnes, passed. Follow up report will need to be provided to the Community Foundation prior to submitting a new funding request. Future grant writing will be for basic operations. There was discussion on why board members should donate; reasons included funder expectation and demonstration of a commitment by board members. The pledge form will be updated with the correct post office box number, 574 with 93902 as the zip code.

B. Co-chair is needed by January as Tom Melville is moving to Florida. Jim Barnes was nominated for co-chair and Kathy Young was nominated as Treasurer, Hirahara moved the nominations be closed, seconded by Pollack, vote was taken to close the nominations.

C. Old Republic insurance and lease – the Ahtye family will need to review the lease before it is turned over to ACE. The expectation is that the lease and insurance on the Old Republic Café will be transferred to ACE by January 1, 2014.

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 a meeting has been set up to develop administrative guidelines for the website

B. CHAT – They are looking at a joint holiday project and have reviewed Mid-Peninsula’s Chinatown proposed project

- C. ACE – The fundraiser grossed \$3,000 with about \$600 net. Cathy has been busy scanning photos for one of their grants.
- D. Safety, Security, and Sanitation – ACE access to the Old Republic Café is an issue that both groups will need to address. The fire marshal can be involved to keep the building entrance accessible. There are currently encampments in the alley way.

Meeting adjourned for the beginning of the retreat

Minutes taken by Marilyn Dorman, Secretary.