

“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

March 5, 2014

Present: Gloria de la Rosa, Don Reynolds, Kathy Young, Marilyn Dorman, Larry Hirahara, Wellington Lee, James Barnes, Jill Allen, Katherine Thoeni, Kim Keefer, Wayne Ross, Gerald Cheang, Van Gresham, Eugene Bigay, Wallace Ahtye, Ruben Cortes, Melissa Cortes, Seth Pollack, Carolina Sahagun, Glorietta Rowland,

Guests: Paul W. Davis (Architect), Starla Warren, Cathy Chavez Miller, Jeff Taylor, Alan Stumpf

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

II. Public Comment

There was a request to have music at the next barbecue. Since the Americorp Vista position will be ending soon, there is a concern that the garden will not continue to be maintained, this needs to be on a future agenda.

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Thoeni moved to approve the January and February minutes, seconded by Allen, passed.
- B. Barnes presented the financial report. There has been little activity. Insurance has been paid. Rowland moved to accept the February financial report, seconded by Pollack, passed.

III. Updates/Old Business

A. Executive Committee

- 1. Pollack moved to elect Kim Keefer and Wayne Ross to the board, seconded by Hirahara, passed.
- 2. Starla Warren from the Development Corporation of the Housing Authority made a presentation on their Nihomachi project. For some of their proposal development they have site control and do not for other parts. They plan to have a community center on the corner of Tom Wong Way and Lake St. Family housing would be on Rossi Street, and Senior housing behind Chin Brothers Market, there would possibly be multifamily housing on the corner of Bridge and Lake Street, and live-work units on Lake Street between the community center and the multi-family housing.
- 3. Hirahara moved to authorize Jim Barnes, Kathy Young, and Ruben Cortes to sign checks on behalf of the SDCB, seconded by Rowland, passed. All checks require two signatures as stated in our financial policies.
- 4. The report has been submitted to the CFMCO for our previous grant. A grant application is due in August for Community Engagement-Strengthening Communities.
- 5. The City is negotiating an agreement with Mid Peninsula currently. The next steps include looking at elevations for their development, looking at the building style, and work on a funding stream for non-multi family housing.

A. Strategic Action Team Reports

1. Community Relations Report – The committee will meet soon. More members are needed for the committee. Policies and procedures need to be completed for the web site.

CHAT – They met on Feb. 24. They are continuing their conversations on sanitation on the street and on strategies for those living in tents. The barbecues are meant to deliver service. In the future Dorothy's will do the barbecue and services will be present to help those living on the street.

Wayne Ross said that the Victory Mission's space is available for the delivery of services.

There is a webinar tomorrow on tent cities popping up and civil rights implications.

2. ACE – There are two options for doing the electricity from Rosbach Electric Company. ACE may need to own the building in order to get funding to improve the building. The current lease still needs to be transferred to ACE. They are having a pop-up museum on Friday, March 5th at the Steinbeck Center from 5 – 8 p.m. They are presenting to the National Endowment of Humanities on March 29th. Asian Festival will be held on April 26th, deadline for ads is March 14th. Wellington Lee has been appointed to the Historic Board of the City.

Safety, Security, and Sanitation – This committee meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month and all are welcome to attend. At their past meeting they discussed tents in Chinatown. There has been a concern registered on tents in the neighborhood from the Bridge Street Warehouse. Another sweep in expected to happen on April 17th. The question was asked if sweeps should be publicized the board felt that is the humane way to approach the sweeps.

Community norms need to be developed on policing in the neighborhood. CHAT and SSS need to meet to deal with some of the concerns. There is currently no non-profit which has the capacity to run a tent city. There are encampments all over town.

3. RAT – PG& E has property at 2 Bridge Street. They will partner with us around clean-up and zoning concerns. They hope to have their property cleaned up by December 2015.
4. Vibrancy Plan – Community opportunities for input on March 7 from 5 – 8 pm and March 8 from 8 – 2 pm at the Steinbeck Center.

The meeting was adjourned

Minutes taken by Marilyn Dorman, Secretary.