

***“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 Regular Meeting**

January 9, 2013, 4:00 –5:30 PM

CSUMB Community Learning Center, 22 Soledad Street, Salinas

**Present:** Don Reynolds, Seth Pollack, Carolina Sahagun, Margarita Zarraga, Cathy Gutierrez, Heath Johnson, Amit Pandya,, Ruben Cortes, Kathy Young, Larry Hirahara, Gerald Cheang, Van Gresham, Eugene Bigay, Louis Lee, Wally Ahtye, Wellington Lee, Cathy Chavez Miller, Jill Allen, Jim Barnes, Tom Melville, Marilyn Dorman, Rita Acosta, Bill Black, Ken Feske. Excused— Gloria De La Rosa, Dave Crabill.

**I.** Meeting was called to order at 4:08 by Gerald. A quorum was present. All present introduced themselves. Amit, President of Oldtown Salinas Association; Sgt. Health Johnson, Salinas PD; and Cathy Gutierrez, MC Behavioral Health were welcomed.

**II. Public Comment:** OSA’s monthly meeting is the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 8am. Salinas City Council held their Annual Planning Meeting and Kimberly Craig, Jyl Lytes and Gloria De La Rosa have been assigned to SDCB.

**III. Consent Agenda:** December 5, 2012 minutes approved unanimously. Larry moved, Seth 2<sup>nd</sup>

**IV. Updates**

**A. Executive Committee**

1. Update on Housing Authority Project (Nihomachi Village)—still with architects. Hope to have plans to review/support at next meeting. Hacienda I will have Grand Opening December 18. It is 41% leased now. Phase II funding is in hand and Groundbreaking will be in April.
2. Financial Report. December 31, 2012 bank balances: SDCB \$,5,516.17, ACE \$3,251.11 Kathy moved, Margarita 2<sup>nd</sup> acceptance of the financial report. Passed unanimously.

**V. Old Business**

**Strategic Action Team Reports**

1. Community Relationship Report: has not met, invite more participation. Homeless Census January 2013. Website needs updating—Seth has a person who is interested in project, Ken will get details for EC to consider.
2. Safety and Security Action Team: January 31 date of “sweep”. PD Commander to be personally involved. 2 weeks prior will notify every person on street. Service Agency contact information will be distributed as part of sweep. Sweep will begin early in the morning and be finished early afternoon. Lengthy discussion about value of this tactic took place. “Where are we suppose to move?” was thee question raised by folks from the street. Members of “tent city” asked if there could be a 45 day delay. . PHLUSH guidelines were distributed. Portapotty should be in place within the week. 1/17 @ 5:30pm the 2<sup>nd</sup> of OSA sponsored community forums will take place at City Rotunda—all welcome.
3. ACE---No meeting in December. Other fund raisers being planned. March 13 is deadline for Asian Festival Booklet ads. January 14 is the next meeting of the Salinas Historic Review Board—seeking Chinatown Historic District Designation. CSUMB submitting National Endowment of Humanities grant. Seth moved, Larry 2<sup>nd</sup> that SDCB provide letter supporting the proposal. Passed unanimously. New street in neighborhood: Tom O’Wong Way (Sign post in English and Chinese)

4. CHAT: Great participation by partners. CHAT will host quarterly barbecues, first one, February 14. Front-end service providers to connect/network/form a conduit for persons who need services/support.
5. RAT—Reconnection Action Team: No Report

## **VI. New Business**

Economic Development Corporation—was briefly introduced. Question raised about the plan with MidPen about City owned property on Lake & Soledad. Didn't the Chinatown Rebound Plan identify that space for market rate housing with low/no income housing on Bridge Street?

Seth announced the Housing Authority of Monterey County has given \$50,000 to the Service Learning Institute of CSUMB to continue the good work of the Learning Center through 2013. He could not express the significant of the contribution and the importance of it. SLI needs another \$50,000 to fully underwrite 2013 needs.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS**

**January 17, 5:30pm City of Salinas Homelessness Conversation—City Hall Rotunda**

**January 23—Homeless Census (First United Methodist Church, Salinas)**

**March 1—9am-3pm, Designing Healthy Communities, Buddhist Temple with**

**Dr. Richard Jackson.** There have been some who desire to change venue to National Steinbeck Center. SDCB is strongly desirous to hold it in a neighborhood that has and is engaged in the issue. It needs to be in a neighborhood seeking greater health and wholeness.

**April 27—Asian Festival**

## **VII. Next Meeting Date: February 6, 2013 4:00-5:30pm**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:28

Respectfully submitted,  
Ken Feske