

MINUTES

GARDEN GROVE DOWNTOWN COMMISSION

January 09, 2025

A Meeting of the Garden Grove Downtown Commission was called to order in the Founders Room, 11300 Stanford Avenue, on Thursday January 09, 2025.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: (6) Commissioners: Amoukhteh, Dang, Nguyen, Stewart, Tortolano, and Weimer

ABSENT: (1) Commissioners: Tran

ALSO PRESENT: Alexa Viramontes, City Liaison, Rosemarie Jacot, Recording Secretary

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

MINUTES

Receive and file the minutes from July 18, 2024 and August 08, 2024

It is was moved and seconded to receive and file the minutes from July 18, 2024 and August 08, 2024

Commissioners:

Amoukhteh	AYE
Dang	AYE
Nguyen	AYE
Stewart-	AYE
Tran	ABSENT
Tortolano	AYE
Weimer	AYE
ACTION:	APPROVED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

a. Receive and file the Financial Statements

It was moved and seconded to receive and file the Financial Statements July, 2024 thru December 2024

Commissoners:

Amoukhteh	AYE
Dang	AYE
Nguyen	AYE
Stewart-	AYE
Tran	ABSENT
Tortolano	AYE
Weimer	AYE
ACTION:	APPROVED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Planter and Hanging Pots – Plant Installation

Plants and materials should be updated.

Options: Cascading fish hook plants most cost effective plant. At this time there are only plastic hanging pots. There should be something more durable to use for the hanging plans. This would be a one-time cost. The attached picture is what was voted on and approved.

It was moved and seconded to have the red metal planter with the moss installed with the new plants:

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ACTION:	APPROVED

The landscape company is responsible for any dead plants within a (3) three month period and the Commission could pay for an update of the plants every (6) six months however the commission is still operating on a deficit in the budget.

Concrete Planters: Plant material has been ordered and should be installed by end of next week.

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Rocks were placed in the planters closest to the south end of the street, however business owners complained that the homeless were picking them up and throwing them. Staff will ask the landscaper not to add rocks to the planters and to remove any rocks they find in the planters.

Mayoral candidate Stephanie Klopfenstein was the only candidate to have an answer to the budget issue for this Commission when during the Candidates Forum when they got together. So she is aware of the budget constraints for the Commission and if she gets voted in she may have some ideas as to how to fund this budget.

Can a special election be brought to a vote for increasing the assessment? Staff will research how much it costs to have a special election. It will be a flat rate. The last election for this was 2014.

This is strictly a lighting and maintenance assessment. So funds that go into the assessment are to be strictly used for these issues.

Should the Commission dissolve the basic maintenance would fall to the City and most likely the trash pickups would fall to the business owners.

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Staff will get a comprehensive list of property owners and will see if the assessment can be a scheduled increase.

Grants and/or supplemental funding are available however, the Commission would be responsible for applying for these grants and administering these grants. "Notice of Funding Opportunity". Staff gave a brief overview of how to apply for and write a grant.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. A Special Meeting of the Downtown Commission has been adjourned to March 09, 2025

Respectfully Submitted

Rosemarie Jacot