

## MINUTES

### GARDEN GROVE DOWNTOWN COMMISSION

January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

A Meeting of the Garden Grove Downtown Commission was called to order in the Founders Room, 11300 Stanford Avenue, on Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

ROLL CALL:     PRESENT:   (7) Commissioners: Amoukhteh, Dang, Nguyen, Stewart, Tortolano, Tran, Weimer

ABSENT:       (0) Commissioners:

ALSO PRESENT: Alexa Viramontes, City Liaison, and Rosemarie Jacot, Recording Secretary, Lisa Kim, City Manager, Craig Beck, and Grace Lee, Economic Development

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Kevin Nguyen
  - Tiffany Le
- Both communicated their concerns with not having access to the trash enclosure

#### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Email from Linda Zamora concerns about the overflowing trash cans, parking lot, and the parkletts taking up spaces for parking.

#### MINUTES

Receive and file the minutes from November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

It is was moved and seconded to receive and file the minutes from November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Commissioners:

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| Amoukhteh | AYE |
| Dang      | AYE |
| Nguyen    | AYE |
| Stewart-  | AYE |
| Tran      | AYE |
| 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 for November 2023 and December 2023

Commisisoners:

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| Amoukhteh | AYE |
| Dang      | AYE |
| Nguyen    | AYE |
| Stewart-  | AYE |
| Tran      | AYE |
| Tortolano | AYE |
| Weimer    | AYE |

**ACTION:       APPROVED**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

b. Civic Center Revitalization:

Craig Beck, Project Executive, gave a power point presentation of the makeover of the Civic Center, from the demolition of the park to the new building of the Police Department.

c. Landscaping Contract: Supplemental provided to the Commission. RFP responses will be coming in shortly. Five (5) RFPs were sent out. Once it is reviewed and rated an update will be provided. This will not be a lowest bidder project but a best fit.

d. Trash Enclosure issues: Jennifer Stewart has been recused as a point of order. It has been brought to the City's attention that clarification of rules and guidelines are needed to have access to the trash enclosures. These enclosures are installed on City property although paid for by the Main Street Assessments. Originally these were to be managed by the Commission and the assessment budget however, they were soon running on a deficit. In response to the deficit the service was discontinued and pushed over to the business owners to manage and operate. There are four (4) trash enclosures to twenty-two (22) businesses. So businesses are to share the expense for these dumpsters. The enclosure and dumpster for Azteca is operated and paid for by Azteca and has the sole agreement with Republic Services. However, the municipal code states that a trash enclosure required on individual properties should a dumpster and service agreement be established for an individual property. Many businesses were grandfathered in because these properties were developed prior to the update of the municipal code.

The issue that has come up is that access to the trash enclosures has been limited due to Azteca having a lock on one of the trash enclosure. Another property owner has requested a key to that particular trash enclosure, or have access to that dumpster. However, at this time Azteca is sole owner of the dumpster and contract and still has authority of that enclosure. Through mediation various options have been offered. Reviewing minutes from 2007 there were no regulations or rules written that were established to delineate any specific rights to the trash enclosures. The issue at hand is to discuss and establish guidelines for the usage and access to these trash enclosures going forward.

It is unclear how much trash will be generated by the new tenants. Both sides make sense however, it is the usage that comes into questions. Azteca has requested another pickup but Republic Service is having issues of their own. The problems with Republic Service are being addressed by our current contract administrator. The actual issue at hand is access to the trash enclosure and not the amount of trash being generated. Azteca does share the enclosure with other businesses however, not all the businesses have keys, and Azteca has the only key.

It has been moved and seconded to allow the business owners be to have access to trash enclosures with the opportunity to pay their fair share.

Commissioners:

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| Amoukhteh | AYE |
| Dang      | AYE |
| Nguyen    | AYE |
| Stewart-  | AYE |
| Tran      | AYE |

Tortolano

AYE

Weimer

AYE

**ACTION:**

**APPROVED**

It is clear that this item will not be settled today a special meeting will be scheduled to January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

MATTERS FROM STAFF

NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Downtown Commission has been adjourned to March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

*Rosemarie Jacot*