

MINUTES

GARDEN GROVE DOWNTOWN COMMISSION

July 18, 2024

A Special Meeting of the Garden Grove Downtown Commission was called to order in the Founders Room, 11300 Stanford Avenue, on Thursday July 18, 2024.

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

ABSENT: (0) Commissioners:

ALSO PRESENT: Alexa Viramontes, City Liaison, Rosemarie Jacot, Recording Secretary, and Niki Wetzel, Community Development Director, Maria Parra, Planning Commission Manager, Alana Chen, Huong Ly, Associate Planner, and Paul Gutierrez, Real Property Agent

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Email from Ray Schuler regarding signage for Dr. Dawn Miller & Associates; inquiring about installing a vintage pair of eyeglasses above their business.

MINUTES

Receive and file the minutes from March 14, 2024

It is was moved and seconded to receive and file the minutes from March 14, 2024

Commissioners:

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 March, April, May, and June 2024

Commissoners:

Amoukhteh AYE

Dang AYE

Nguyen AYE

Stewart- AYE

Tran AYE

Tortolano AYE

Weimer AYE

ACTION: APPROVED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

UPDATE ON PROPOSED ZONING CODE AMENDMENT

Presentation to update the Downtown Commission on a proposed Zoning Code Amendment to allow billiard parlors and pool halls as an incidental use to a full service dine-in eating establishment restaurant in the CC-2 (Civic Center Main Street) located on Main Street.

This will allow pool halls and billiard room to operate in a full service restaurant, which at this time they are not allowed.

Staff gave a brief overview of the amendment that Planning has passed already and will be going on to City Council on August 13th.

BUDGET FY 2024/25

Ending balance FY 24/25 will be \$40,418. The Commission has been operating at a deficit of \$20,007 per year. Funding will run out by FY 2026/2027.

Options will be to remove maintenance operations completely or reducing them greatly. Another option is to explore increasing the assessment payment.

This assessment is strictly a lighting and maintenance assessment and therefore cannot be used for business development. The commission could dissolve the current assessment and start a new business development district.

Staff has the steps to dissolve the assessment district. Staff briefly went over it.

Commission is asking if the City will be willing to pay and assist for putting the raising of assessment fee to be raised.

LANDSCAPE CONTRACT

Staff received (1) response back from the RFP that went out. This came back at \$19650.00. Currently there are (5) days per week trash removal and (3) times per week watering. The new contract calls for (6) trash day's removal and continue with (3) times watering and full revitalization of all plants. Current contract expires July 31, 2024.

Staff will explore extending contracting for (3) months.

GOING DARK SEPTEMBER AND NOVEMBER

Staff is unavailable for September and November. A special meeting for August will take place on August 8, 2024.

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Concern for the current new parking lot; any funds brought in from the agreement will repair any damage that occurs.

Aum Beer: Conditional Use Permit to remove parklett and install permanent railing onsite and offsite.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

Paul Gutierrez brought forth a request to use the Grove parking lot for a staging area for upcoming construction (12) parking spaces (2000 sqft) will be taken away. It will be enclosed with temporary fencing and windscreen (6) feet high. The agreement is for 18 months. It could possibly go on for possibly (2) years. The agreement has been drafted and staff would like to execute it as soon as possible.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. A Special Meeting of the Downtown Commission has been adjourned to August 8, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Rosemarie Jacot