



Minutes

Downtown Advisory Committee

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

10:00 AM

Public Works Conference Room,
1st Floor, City Hall

HYBRID MEETING DETAILS

24-00263 Please click the link to join the webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83331274129>
Webinar ID: 833 3127 4129
Or by Telephone: (253) 205 0468; (253) 215 8782

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am.

ROLL CALL

*Present: Elizabeth Borders, Chair; Josh Carter, CoChair (arrived 10:28); Bill Hallanger; Ariel Large; Dawn Morgan; Pat Palmer; Allan Rudberg, Karl Salzsieder; Ruth Kendall, Council Liaison
Unexcused: Rachelle Sanders
Staff present: Ann Rivers; Mary Chennault; Nancy Vandehey*

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

24-00264 MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 20, 2024

The minutes were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NEW BUSINESS

24-00265 REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR STREETScape PROJECT ON COMMERCE - PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR KEN HASH
Letters need to be sent to Senator Patty Murray, Senator Maria Cantwell, and Representative Gelsenkamp Perez.

Ken Hash requested signatures on support letters.

Pat Palmer, seconded by Ariel Large, made a motion to sign the support letters. This passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

24-00266 PARKING ORDINANCE CHANGES

Mary Chennault spoke on this item on behalf of Chief Huhta. The item is set to go to Council soon. Discussion included feedback that the board received from the current hiatus. The board asked that the new PIO officer help spread the word on the parking changes.

REPORTS**24-00267 LPD PARKING REPORTS**

Mary Chennault shared the LPD financial reports.

24-00268 DOWNTOWNERS REPORT

Downtowners are working on partnering with the two events happening in June. Shuttling visitors with the trolley is being proposed. They are working on a sip & shop event. And they are working on restructuring Downtowners to breakout into smaller focus groups. Next meeting is Thursday at 3 pm.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

The group is ready to return to the list to begin inviting partners to upcoming meetings; working from the prioritized list to start the invitations.

Ruth provided a brief update from recent Council meetings.

There was an inquiry to see if there are any planned community "coffee shop pop-ups" to see how the parking hiatus changes are going. Ann believes those will be set up by Chief Huhta.

Downtowners are looking for help to fill the chair positions on the new structure. - for key roles are Design, Economic Vitality, Promotion, and Organization.

There was a discussion on a possible tax (maybe a fee, not a tax) penalty for empty store fronts. Ann to bring back some examples to next meeting.

Discussion included some options of what is allowed for street level uses. Ann will ask Mac Kosar to come to next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT & APRIL 16, 2024

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 am.