

City Center Business District Special Meeting

January 29, 2021
Zoom Meeting

Call to Order

Greg Block called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

The following CCBD Board Members were present: Marleen Abarca, Astrid Naujokaitis, Greg Block, Danielle Berger, Markalan Hamilton, Lindsay Kota, Michael Caldwell, Kelly Bargabos, Katy McDonald, and Jimmy Parker.

The following staff members were present: Alex Gutierrez

No members of the public were in attendance.

Non-Agenda Public Comment

There was no Non-Agenda Public Comment.

Overview

Action:

- Letter of Support for Downtown Homelessness Initiative: 1st – Jimmy Parker / 2nd – Lindsay Kotas / all in favor
- The CCBD Board endorses the Downtown Homelessness Initiative with recommendations. The City Center Board endorsement is not contingent on moving forward with the letter. However, the Board requests that DSDP strongly considers the below edits.
- Section six of the draft letter regarding enforcing aggressive and threatening behavior, including violence, vandalism, substance abuse, and drug sales. The CCBD Board recommends that the following language of the second sentence is modified and or edited.

Recommendation:

1. Edit sentence two of section six to state the following. Homelessness is not a crime; to reduce harm to people experiencing homelessness, we must reduce opportunities for criminals to prey on the homeless community, who often commit crimes without fear of retribution.
2. Language review of the letter. Please review the letter to find language that can better express the letter's goals, such as modifying the header in section six by replacing the word Enforce with Police.

Agenda Public Comment

There was no Agenda Public Comment.

Adjourn

Greg Block adjourned the meeting at 8:49 a.m.