



12:00 PM Welcome & Introductions - Eric Jones, Chair

- Non-Agenda Public Comment
- Agenda Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes – February 22, 2023 (Handout) – **ACTION**

12:05 PM Chair Update - Jones

- Accept the resignation of David Mesa, MCASD, and appoint Arturo Garcia-Sierra, MCASD, to a 2-year term effective January 1, 2022 – **ACTION**
- Accept the resignation of Onal Kucuk, The Guild Hotel, and appoint Kevin Mansour, Oram Holdings, to a 2-year term effective January 1, 2022 – **ACTION**
- Appoint Marco Meza-Ruiz, Holland Partner Group, to a 2-year term effective January 1, 2023 – **ACTION**
- Appoint, Robert Fagnant, Syska, Hennessy Group, to a 2-year term effective January 1, 2023 – **ACTION**

12:10 PM Downtown San Diego Development Update – **INFORMATION**

- Brian Schoenfisch, Deputy Director, Urban Division, City of San Diego

12:15 PM Kettner Blvd. Improvements – **INFORMATION**

- Heather Furey, Director of Capital Projects, MTS

12:25 PM Columbia District Comprehensive Plan - **ACTION**

- Amber Lake, Carrier Johnson

12:40 PM Staff Updates **INFORMATION**

- FY24 Neighborhood Parking Program Budget –Sean Warner, Director of Community Enhancement, DSDP
- IKE Interactive Kiosks –Josh Coyne, VP of Policy, DSDP
- Finance Update - Terri Johnson, Director of Finance & Administration, DSDP

12:55 PM Member Discussion

- Member Updates

Adjourn

JOIN MEETING VIA THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE

Downtown San Diego Partnership
401 B Street, Suite 100 | San Diego, CA 92101

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE

Zoom - Click [here](#) to join
Meeting ID: 854 3434 9909 Passcode: 579491



Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 | 12:00PM

This meeting was held via video conference call.

Eric Jones, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM

The following Board members were present: Eric Jones, Eric Dye, Betsy Brennan, Justin Apger, Leah Volk, David Calabrese, David Mesa, and Damon Barone.

The following guests were present: Jacopo Annese, Brian Schoenfisch, Reed Vickerman, Bob Bulger, Amanda Olgeirsson, Daniel Kay, and Steve Kohn.

The following DSDP staff members were present: Sean Warner and Daniela Garcia.

Sean Warner stated that the next meeting would be held in-person but there would be options to attend virtually.

Approval of Minutes – September 28, 2022. Jones and Dye. Approved unanimously.

Re-appoint Leah Volk, David Calabrese, and Justin Apger to Board of Directors for 2-year term effective January 1, 2023. Dye and Mesa. Approved unanimously.

Warner introduced Jacopo Annese of the Brain Observatory.

Jacopo Annese, Ph.D. President and CEO, The Brain Observatory, provided background information and overview of The Brain Observatory at the southwest corner of Broadway and Kettner Boulevard.

The goal of The Brain Observatory is to blend science and art to create a community space dedicated to research into brain diseases.

The museum is a non-profit that intends to hold events and interactive exhibits for residents, tourists, and schools.

Brian Schoenfisch, Deputy Director, Urban Division, City of San Diego, gave an overview of current developments in the Columbia District.



Schoenfisch showcased the Downtown Development Activity Map and highlighted the Columbia & A, Two America Plaza and Front & A projects.

The Downtown Parks & Public Spaces Map has gone live and will track existing and planned open space projects in Downtown.

The City Council approved the Annual Development Code Update which included a revision to the Center City Planned District Ordinance. The changes will be posted to the City's website and the updates will go into effect in March.

North Central Square Park in City Center and Amici Park in Little Italy will be headed to City Council for approval in the next few weeks. North Central Square will bring a new park space to C Street and 8th Avenue.

Calabrese asked how the data is collected.

Schoenfisch said that the data is collected by staff through access to development permits. The maps and tables are updated twice a year.

Dye inquired about the status of Campus at Horton and IQHQ development projects.

Schoenfisch stated that he did not have information on large tenant attraction for the two developments but there was interest in retail tenants.

Jones inquired about the status of the new Manchester hotel development.

Schoenfisch stated that they had applied for grading permits but did not have additional information.

Amanda Olgeirsson, PE, Project Manager, Civic Communities, provided an update on the B Street Pedestrian Corridor project located near the intersection of B Street and Kettner Boulevard.

The project entails pedestrian enhancements including new pavers, lighting and landscaping.

Daniel Kay, Civic Communities, mentioned that this was a legacy project from the former Center City Redevelopment Agency. Funding is through the State Department of Finance.

Jones inquired about maintenance funding.

Kay mentioned that conversations regarding maintenance are ongoing with adjacent property owners and the Downtown San Diego Partnership.

Jones suggested that the space could be a great space for events.

Mesa inquired about access for Amtrak trash bins and delivery.



Kay said that access will remain for those uses.

Mesa also inquired about security.

Olgeirsson stated that the design elements could deter nuisance behavior.

Kay stated that since it was a public space no additional private security would be provided however other higher-level security could be provided by other entities

Warner mentioned that the Columbia Community Foundation currently has a mobility ambassador that could also be a resource for additional safety services.

Dye inquired about maintenance of the LED lighting feature.

Olgeirsson said the lighting design has not been finalized and that long-term maintenance would be considered.

Vickerman asked if Stone Brewing was supportive.

Dani Garcia asked about the similarity to the lighting on Harbor Drive Bridge

Kay was not sure but would check.

Brennan mentioned that the Downtown Partnership has entered into an enhanced maintenance agreement with Civic Communities on the 14th Street Promenade.

Sean Warner, Director of Community Enhancement, Clean & Safe, discussed the proposed FY24 Neighborhood Parking Program Budget. He stated that the final budget amount would be determined during discussions with the City of San Diego.

Planned programs and project include the continuation of the Columbia District mobility ambassador and the purchase of new Big Belly trash cans.

Jones asked about any feedback received on the Big Belly trash cans.

Warner mentioned that the team has received positive feedback from stakeholders.

Apger asked how the budget compared to the prior year budget.

Warner mentioned that the FY34 budget request matched the FY23 budget.

Apger suggested that the proposed budget be increased.

Dye asked how much the trash cans cost.

Warner stated the trash cans cost about \$2,000 each.



Motion to approve FY24 Neighborhood Parking Program Budget. Mesa and Dye. Approved unanimously.

Daniela Garcia, Director of Safety, Clean & Safe, gave an update on the Columbia District Mobility Ambassador.

Mesa inquired about the availability of enhanced safety services for businesses.

Apger said the Downtown Partnership can provide these services above services provided by Clean & Safe.

Jones asked if the Downtown Partnership has shared its success stories with neighborhood HOA's.

Garcia stated that Clean & Safe is currently meeting with HOA's.

Apger mentioned that the Partnership has met with over 60 HOA's over the past year.

Kohn asked if the mobility ambassador replaces the Clean & Safe ambassador.

Garcia stated the ambassador is in addition to the Clean & Safe ambassador.

Jones suggested a neighborhood community education programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.