



DOWNTOWN TEMPE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

February 15, 2023 ~ 8:30am

Downtown Tempe Authority

ATTENDING:	Eric Sather	Charles Goffnett	Arlene Chin	James Neal
	Jarett Brock	Nancy Baker	Dana Gillis	Curt Kremer
	Tim Gomez	Andrew Ching		
STAFF:	Kate Borders	Lori Foster	Ally Dykstra	Adam Jones
ABSENT:	Dilshad Myint	Julian Wright		

Meeting called to order at 8:31am.

- A. **CONSENT PACKET** – Charles Goffnett moved approval, seconded by Nancy Baker. Motion carried.
- B. **UPDATE – Tempe Entertainment District** – Eric Sather informed the group that we will invite the Coyotes representatives to present to this board if/when voters approve the project.
- C. **CITY OF TEMPE UPDATE** – Andrew Ching
 - a. Committee was formed Nov-Dec of 2022 to start the process of renaming certain streets in Tempe. The council also recommended renaming 6th Street Park in downtown Tempe. Lincoln Ragsdale’s name was suggested as an option—a prominent civil rights activist.
 - b. Refresh Tempe and Mill Ave Streetscape –Preliminary work is started. Medians are being re-rocked and planted, tree wells are being filled, as well as other minor improvements. 5th Street improvements will also continue westward and include 2 Portland Loo’s adjacent to City Hall.
 - c. Actively in the midst of hiring a new police chief.
- D. **PRESIDENT’S TRANSITION UPDATE** – Kate Borders & Lori Foster
 - a. Kate Borders’ last day will be May 12th. Artist relations for the TFA will be transitioned to Director of Events, Sponsorship will be transitioned to Marketing Director, Placemaking will be transitioned to Placemaking Manager. Team will begin looking to hire an events team member to supplement work. Budget, assessments, and board nomination processes are being documented and transitioned to Lori Foster. State of Downtown is April 11th at the 100 Mill rooftop. Odds and ends: Liquor license for DTA; Official DEI policy & statement both to be completed before exit.
 - b. Lori Foster provided an update on transition schedule for meetings, duties, 2023 work plan etc. Items such as the economic impact report, sustainability certifications etc., will be transitioned to appropriate team members.
 - c. Upcoming events: Last 2nd Sunday, A-Mountain Challenge, Pride Party: June 3rd, Juneteenth Celebration: June 17th
- E. **ADJOURN** –Meeting adjourned at 9:14am.

NEXT MEETING – April 19, 2023 at 8:30am