



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, December 8, 2022 @ 1:00 PM
Tucson Convention Center – Room 201
260 S Church Ave Tucson, AZ 85701

A G E N D A

1:00 – 1:05 PM	Welcome	Tom Heath
1:05 – 1:10 PM	Review and Approve Consent Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ September Minutes○ October Financials○ Committee Reports	Tom Heath
1:10 – 1:25 PM	Peach Properties Development Update	Ron Schwabe & Patricia Schwabe
1:25 – 1:40 PM	Rio Nuevo Development Update	Fletcher McCusker
1:40 – 1:50 PM	CEO Report	Kathleen Eriksen
1:50 – 2:15 PM	DTP Committee Introductions DNaRC Finance Committee Governance Committee Merchants and Retail Council Social Justice Committee	David Bachman-Williams John O’Dowd Donovan Durband Tom Heath Randi Dorman
2:15 – 2:20 PM	Old/New Business	Tom Heath
2:20 – 2:30 PM	Call to the Audience	Tom Heath
2:30 PM	Meeting Adjourned	Tom Heath
2:30 – 3:00 PM	Tour of The Linda Ronstadt Music Hall	



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MINUTES

Board Attendees: David Bachman-Williams*, Chad Blair, Michael Crawford*, Corey Doggett, Helen Gomez, Glenn Grabski, Todd Hanley*, Tom Heath*, Kresta Leal, Chris Leighton, Lisa Josker (Jan Leshar)*, Camila Martins-Bekat, Renee Morton, John O'Dowd*, Barbra Coffee (Michael Ortega)*, Joseph Rottman, Lucinda Smedley*, McKay Stevens, Cameron Taylor, Hilary Van Alsborg

Absent: (*italics indicates excused absence*): Randi Dorman*, Stephanie Gorton, Julie Katsel*, Fletcher McCusker*, Crystal Moore, Liz Pocock*, Laura Shaw*, Art Wadlund, Dillon Walker*, Moniqua Lane, Omar Mireles

Ex Officio Attendees: Donovan Durband, Rob Elias, Steve Kozachik (Diana Amado), Nicole Barraza (Ted Maxwell), Kylie Walzak

Staff: Kathleen Eriksen, Russ Stone, Whitney Nesbitt

Call to Order: Heath called the meeting to order at 1:09 PM. A quorum was met.

Review and Approve Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Leighton and seconded by Crawford to approve the consent agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

DTP Annual Report: Eriksen provided a report on the following items:

- 2022 - 2027 Strategic Plan
- Strategic Diversity Plan
- Building a Downtown For Everyone Grant
- Nationwide Opioid Crisis
- Ronstadt Transit Center Taskforce
- Rio Nuevo, Tucson Police Department, DTP Partnerships
- DTP Safety Ambassadors Narcan Training and lives saved
- Partnership with Ward 6, TPD, and the City Parks Recreation Center for Armory Park
- Public Space Activation at Stone Plaza, Pima County Historic Courthouse, Washington Streetery, El Presidio Neighborhood
- Desert Nights Downtown Lights
- Second Saturdays will now manage the Parade of Lights
- New Website
- 2021 - 2022 Annual Report

Eriksen also honored Lt. Morales for TPD support in Downtown Tucson.



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Governance Committee Items:

Board Member Renewal Slate - There was a motion made by Leighton and seconded by Taylor to approve the following board member renewal slate:

- Michael Crawford – Crawford Law PLLC
- Randi Dorman – R+R Develop
- Helen Gomez – Ben’s Bells
- Todd Hanley – Hotel Congress/Maynards Kitchen
- Tom Heath – Mortgage Guidance Group at NOVA Home Loans
- Kresta Leal – Downtown Resident
- John O’Dowd – Amado and Associates, CPA’s
- Joseph Rottman – Caterpillar Inc.
- Lucinda Smedley – TREND Report/Real Estate Consulting Group
- Hilary Van Alsburg – Children’s Museum | Oro Valley

The motion was approved unanimously.

2022-2023 Officer Slate - There was a motion made by Hanley and seconded by Van Alsburg to approve the following 2022-2023 officer slate:

- Chair - Tom Heath
- Vice Chair - Liz Pocock
- Treasurer - John O’Dowd
- Secretary - Lucinda Smedley

The motion was approved unanimously.

Prospective Board Member Slate - There was a motion made by Leal and seconded by Leighton to approve the following new board member slate:

- Chad Blair - CITY Center for Collaborative Learning
- Corey Doggett - Tucson Police Department
- Moniqua Lane - The Citizen Hotel
- Crystal Moore - Presidio Tucson

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Strategic Committee and Council Needs:

DNaRC - Bachman-Williams made an introduction to the board and discussed his role in Armory Park Neighborhood Association.

Merchants and Retail - Heath reported on Joe Rottman's role in Welcome Task Force in DT.

Old/New Business: Hanley inquired about storefront retail activation in vacant buildings. Heath reported that this is being championed by Pocock.

Call to Audience: Elias inquired regarding 2nd Saturdays and closing down Congress Street. Durband reported that Congress can't be closed due to the Streetcar. Gomez gave recognition to Heath for raising most money as celebrity bartender at recent downtown event.

Meeting Adjourned: Heath adjourned the meeting at 1:55 PM.

The meeting was followed by a group board picture and reception at The Monica.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Engagement Committee - Joe Rottman

- The committee continues to reach out to a handful of businesses every few weeks
- Response/interest from businesses has slowed from the previous quarter, perhaps as the committee contacts more established businesses vs. newer ones
- The committee is planning to discuss whether a shift in engagement strategy is warranted; perhaps more ad hoc, in-person visits vs. contact via email

Governance Committee - Dillon Walker

- We skipped our November meeting due to travel and nonavailability
- Currently working on a draft revision to codify some core changes that we've discussed related to the Strategic Plan
- We need to review as a committee and then present for feedback to the Executive Committee
- On Hold: Welcome social event after board training
- Donovan & Dillon need to schedule monthly time with Whitney for Governance-Staff related work

Social Justice Committee - Randi Dorman

SJC collaborated with a team at the University of Arizona to conduct our first Downtown Community Perceptions Survey. The goal is to provide a baseline of attitudes and actions that we can monitor over time to ensure our social justice work is truly having impact.

Safety Summit - Tom Heath

- Lt Morales from TPD updated us on recent situations involving shootings and a stabbing. No outstanding suspects. Food truck driver who shot aggressor will most likely not be charged as it appears to be self defense situation and stabbing was between an uncle and nephew. No critical injuries in any of the cases.
- TPD would like input on food trucks at bar closing. Possibly not best practice as this creates large clusters of intoxicated people, creates environment for incidents to occur. Would getting people out of downtown/4th quickly at that time work out better for safety?



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- TPD had increased resources Halloween weekend and that proved beneficial in reducing incidents. Planning has begun for night before Thanksgiving and input was given on needs for NYE. This year is on a Saturday and forecasted weather is pleasant.
- Mr. McGill discussed narcan pilot program Hotel Congress is collaborating with TPD on starting. Interest shown from group on more information and follow up.
- Conversation on prevalence of weapons nightlife customers bring downtown/4th and benefits of screening customers at point of entry.
- DTP updated on overall happenings downtown and homeless population is decreasing. Effort made by DTP and TPD to clean up store fronts and increase patrols is showing to be very effective.
- Crystal gave update from residential perspective with a presentation. Most concerns from residents are in regards to unnecessary street noise (drag racing, after market mufflers, cruising), also needs for possible changes in signage/landscaping for safer traffic flow.
- Salvation Army is accepting warm clothing/blankets at hospitality house located at 1002 N. Main Ave
- The Arizona Bowl is sponsoring a New Year's Eve bash again at 5th and Toole, from 6pm to 1am. The event was a little quieter last year than previous because the bowl game had just been canceled
- Next meeting time and upcoming events closed out the meeting.