Minutes of August 21, 2024 Board Meeting

Downtown El Cajon Business Partners Inc.

Board Members Present:

N/A	President	Lee Mench	Director
Cathy Zeman	CFO	Chris Berg	City of El Cajon
Gabriel Marrujo	Director	N/A	DECBP Attorney
Ron Nevels	Director	Corey Marco	Director
Rich Riel	Guest	Paris Landen	The Magnolia

#1.) CALL TO ORDER: 12:03 p.m.

#2.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: C. Zeman motioned to approve the July 10, 2024 regular meeting minutes, L. Mench seconded the motion. The July 10, 2024 minutes were approved unanimously.

#3.) PUBLIC COMMENT:

3.1 - Rich Riel thanked the Board of Directors for the advanced notice of the August 2024 meeting and voices his concerns about the Board.

#4.) PBID ACTION AGENDA ITEMS:

4.1 - C. Zeman motions to discuss and approve the $25k budget/sponsorship to City of El Cajon for the Hauntfest on Main 2024 city event. C. Marco seconded the motion. the motion passed unanimously. **Public Comment:** R. Riel is concerned about why the Board is giving the city $25k assistance. C. Berg clarifies the reasons and how the event is produced.

4.2 - Public Comment: Rich Riel speaks to Board regarding his concerns on the car show organizer. C. Zeman clarified that the $600 is split up between each car owner for bringing their cars and decorating them for Hauntfest. The money does not go to the car show organizer. C. Zeman motions to discuss and approve the $600 for 12 classic car owners to provide candy to children at Hauntfest 2024. L. Mench seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4.3 - Public Comment: R. Riel states his concerns with the Car Show organizer and how the costume prize winners are chosen. C. Zeman clarified that the City of El Cajon has judges choose winners and the $925 is for the winners of the costume contest, and not the organizer of the contest. C. Zeman motions to discuss and approve the $925 funds for the Hauntfest 2024 costume contest. G. Marrujo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4.4 - Public Comment: C. Marco asks the Board if there are comparable bids for the Halloween candy purchased annually. C. Berg recommends we check with local PBID grocers to procure a 2nd bid. C. Berg motions to approve the budget amount of $5883.30 now and see if Board can attain the 2nd bid. C. Marco seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4.5 - Public Comment: R. Riel asks the Board how "The Verge" band was selected for the Hauntfest 2024 city event. C. Marco asks for clarification on who William Noble is and how his services were selected. C. Zeman clarifies and refers to the vote for Noble Sounds services in a prior meeting for the Season. C. Zeman motioned to discuss and approve the $1600 proposal from "The Verge" band. L. Mench seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4.6 - Public Comment: R. Riel gives his recommendations on how to select bids for bands for Hauntfest and his concerns on the current sound engineer. C. Zeman motions to discuss and approve the $1200 Noble Sound proposal for Hauntfest 2024. L Mench seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4.7 - Tabled for next Meeting on 9-25-2024.

4.8 - Tabled for next Meeting on 9-25-2024.

4.9 - Tabled for next Meeting on 9-25-2024.

4.10 - Tabled for next Meeting on 9-25-2024.

#5.) <u>NON-PBID ACTION ITEMS:</u>

5.1 - No NON-PBID items to discuss at this time.

#6.) <u>REPORTS - INFORMATION ONLY:</u>

6.1 - Directors' Report - No Director report at this time.

6.2 - President's Report - No President's report at this time.

6.3 - City of El Cajon Report - C. Berg reported on the legislation passed regarding homeless & camping. Reports on businesses who voiced concerns about car show vehicles parking in front of storefronts on Wednesdays.

6.4 - The Magnolia Report - Paris Landen updates Board on circus event at The Magnolia coinciding with the Hauntfest 2024 event date.

#7.) CLOSED SESSION:

7.1 - No closed session matters to discuss at this time.

#8.) ADJOURNMENT:

8.1 - R. Nevels motioned to adjourn the meeting, L. Mench seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

#9) NEXT MEETING:

9.1 - The next meeting will be on September 25, 2024 at the El Cajon Police Department Community Room at 12 p.m.