

DOWNTOWN FRESNO PARTNERSHIP

Clean & Green Committee

June, 2, 2021
8:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

Downtown Fresno Partnership
845 Fulton Street

MINUTES

- **Present:** Cassey James, Jay Fowler
- **Staff:** Jimmy Cerracchio, Courtney Ramirez, Lee Blackwell
- **Public:** Yahaira Figueroa, Dan Zack

I. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 8:33 AM.

II. **Clean**

A) Ambassador Report – Blackwell shared that all types of homeless activity, break ins and vandalism are on the rise. The hot spots are the Arte Americas yard as well as the Bill Bruce studio. DFP ambassadors helped to remove homeless encampments near the Bill Bruce Studio. The DFP storage unit was broken into and reported. There has also been increased incidence of graffiti in the parking garage.

With regards to dumpsters, consistently 17 - 26 are not being locked up out of the 77. The 17-18 constant businesses that are breaking rules and we want to prepare them for code enforcement. Coded gravity lock systems have been problematic in the downtown zone. Fowler noted that there are heavy duty dumpsters but they are not ideal for urban environment. Cerracchio noted that City was exploring trash compactor. Figueroa will make meeting arrangements for community trash compactor discussion. Blackwell shared that the H Street property warehouse fire occurred on Monday, May 31st. The exterior is still existing. The issue is empty properties and property maintenance.

The vacant building ordinance was referred to, and Zack noted that Arias proposed the strengthening of the ordinance. It will be placed on the agenda soon and Figueroa will follow up.

B) Garbage – Fowler shared the new schedule, with upcoming events extra days can be added to specific locations for those target events.

C) Landscape – Zack and Figueroa said that risk reviewed and approved the adopt a planter program. However, Perez will be adjusting the insurance requirements so it will be easier for businesses to implement. Public Works may be able to adjust it. James would like to get the meeting on the books, and clarify what the insurance requirements would be for moving forward. Figueroa will follow up to work to lower the insurance barrier.

III. **COVID-19 Updates**

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Regarding COVID-19 rules, an article published on June 10 said CAL-Osha has reversed their decision to keep employees masked and we are expecting restaurant guidelines to be updated by June 15. Businesses should be allowed to return to full capacity by June 15. We have upcoming DFP events and the convention center is starting up again.

IV. **Parking Report**

Spiral garage needs more cleaning, we had reported it, received complaints from patrons to us - Jeff Maxies and Greg Barfield have been involved in trying to maintain it.

V. **Security Report**

There have been more fires and increased damage. We've noted issues with Well B Health, which is across from Arte Americas. There was a fire behind Club One casino, increased vandalism and Auto Pawn is reporting new issues.

Adjourn – 9:27 am