

# DOWNTOWN FRESNO PARTNERSHIP

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## Clean & Green Committee

Wednesday, October 7, 2020  
8:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

Downtown Fresno Partnership  
845 Fulton Street

### MINUTES

- **PRESENT:** Daniel Dorris, Andrew Loera Jay Fowler, Jerry Schuber, Yahaira Figueroa, Thomas Gaffery, Jean Rousseau, Lupe Perez
- **STAFF:** Jimmy Cerracchio, Lee Blackwell, Daniel Griffith, Courtney Ramirez
- **ABSENT:** Cassey James

I. The meeting was called to order at 8:32 AM.

#### II. Clean (Ambassador Report, Garbage, Landscaping) –

##### a) Ambassador report –

There has been ongoing trash build up from the Californian, and incidents at 862 Fulton. There was a hassling incident that Lee Blackwell experienced, and documented. There have been ongoing issues at three hot spots – the Merced entrance to the Business Journal, the Mural Bench area and the back entrance to Fallas. Arte Americas is looking better, but is not completely void of activity. The alleyway behind L street properties and near by are doing well with dumpsters, CMAC area has been better but transient activity is on the rise. There were only two damaged dumpsters noted on the last patrol, and only 16 out of 77 in the district are not locking dumpsters. There is no date yet for fines and code enforcement restarting for dumpsters.

##### b) Garbage –

Andrew Loera will be taking over the Downtown Fresno account for MidValley. He did an evaluation and walkthrough with Blackwell and Cerracchio. There will be locking lids on all containers over the next several week, which will offer higher levels of security.

Van Ness apartment residents have been using pedestrian cans, rather than dumpsters in their parking lot, which is causing overflow problems. The partnership will reach out to property managers and owners with reminders, especially for residential tenants. g

##### c) Landscaping –

The alcove in Federal Alley is the responsibility of the CVS, and not the city. There have been ongoing issues and the City of Fresno may be able to apply pressure via code enforcement.

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#### III. Green Project Updates

Yahaira Figueroa from the city is reaching out internally about the Adopt a Planter program. Thomas Gaffery will be checking on the Fulton Street tree inquiries, and Jean Rousseau is checking in on courthouse park lighting project options.

#### IV. COVID-19 Updates

Fresno County has moved from Purple to Red status on the state list. Our parklet programs are moving along with Modernist and Kocky's approved. La Maison Kabob is interested, and Fulton Street Coffee is progressing. The launch dates are anywhere from early October onward. There are other outdoor options that Tioga Sequoia Brewing Company and Zack's Brewing are exploring.

With the COVID-19 changes, we have had increased security issues, but have been staying in touch with police and security about that. There's been an increase in property damage and loitering due to homelessness in Downtown. People are staying near services, and the jails and prisons are releasing people early. Long term solutions are needed on this front. Brian is working to build rapport with people in our district, but more people have become aggressive with both ambassadors and security teams.

#### V. Van Ness & Kern Street Trash Can Service and Maintenance – covered

#### VI. Fresno City Planters and Fountains

Yahaira Figueroa noted that the adopt a planner is still not ready. There may be a possibility to use the planters to close off streets to have businesses have outdoor seating. The fountains seem to be working fine.

#### VII. Security Report

Per the 862 Van Ness location and the white parking garage on Van Ness and Kern - there has been a homeless issue there often. The PD is currently monitoring a vehicle showing up frequently that seems to be drug related. We are advising businesses to call the police immediately if there issues. The security team is back up to 8 hours, including zones 2 and 3. Other sites are getting their own security teams. Property owners are doing what they can but additional support would be nice from Poverello House and other resources in the area.

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#### VIII. Parking Management

No points.

IX. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 am.