

DOWNTOWN FRESNO PARTNERSHIP Clean & Green Committee

845 Fulton Street

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Thursday, April 7, 2021
8:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

Downtown Fresno Partnership

- **Present:** Cassey James, Jeffrey Maxies, Jerry Schuber
- **Staff:** Jimmy Cerracchio, Danny Griffith, Courtney Ramirez, Erin Paz, Lee Blackwell
- **Public:** Yahaira Figueroa, Laura Rios

I. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 8:34 AM.

II. **Clean**

A) Ambassador Report – Blackwell shared that 17/77 dumpsters in zone 3 are not locked. He has a full list of regular “repeat offenders” and this is tracked every week. CVS alley and parking lot has become an issue for Ambassador team and security. The Bill Bruce studio was experiencing ongoing issues with a small encampment, but it has been dealt with. Arte Americas Gazebo area has 15-20 reports per month for security. Spiral Garages and Tulare garages have increased homeless population and graffiti. DFP storage on Fulton has been broken into multiple times.

B) Garbage – Schuber noted that MidValley cans have been maintained, though there are some issues as Blackwell reported with locking. Cans on Amador and other streets are maintained by city. Figueroa will follow up on the city side with those maintained by their staff. James asked about Fulton and Tuolomne can which has no lid. MidValley maintains it and Blackwell will obtain photos for a formal report. Schuber stated that the servicing is once per week, but as things open the service may need to be updated throughout the district.

C) Landscape – Cerracchio shared that Dan Zack from the City of Fresno will have answers regarding all planters.

III. **Green Updates**

DFP has older water tank trailer that could be used for watering potential planters, but it will need repairs.

IV. **April 24th Clean Up**

Cerracchio shared that the clean up will begin at 9:30 am, and it will end with an open air “event” with food trucks and volunteers will get a free lunch. Sign ups are through the City of Fresno. The area of focus is the Brewery district and sign ups are through the city.

V. **COVID-19 Updates**

The governor announced we will be in a full re-opening by June 15th. The city manager for Fresno

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will be leading with the best practices for our area. Office staff will be fully back in the office by mid-May due to vaccinations being widespread.

VI. Security Report

Our team has had increasing reports. KSEE 24 did a story including Cerracchio regarding homelessness issues. DFP is pushing for the return of bike patrols as well as increased police presence. Blackwell noted that the

VII. Open Discussion

James noted that the street lights just north of Calaveras are going out intermittently. The city will follow up and make any changes.

Cerracchio shared that the Fulton Street pole banners are getting fixed with the city support.

Cerracchio stated that Workforce Connections will be helping with connecting business owners with new employees or other opportunities downtown.

The Façade grant program was launched this week. It will cover improvements plus any windows broken, etc. Business and property owners are welcome to apply.

VIII. Adjourn – 9:21 am