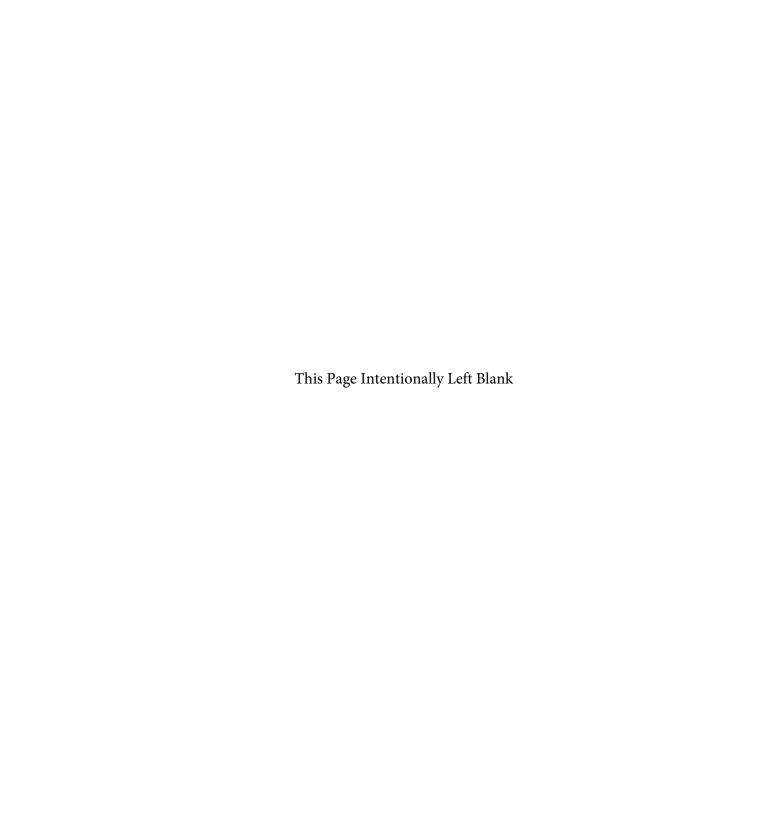


## **Board Meeting**

May 16, 2024



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### CORPUS CHRISTI DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

9:00 a.m., Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 IBC Bank, 221 S. Shoreline, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Corpus Christi, TX 78401

- 1) Determination of quorum
- 2) Call to Order

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

(At this point, the Board of Directors will vote on all motions, resolutions not removed for individual consideration)

- 3) Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting of April 18th, 2024.
- 4) Financial Statements.
- 5) Report on absences from 2024 DMD Regular Board of Directors meetings with possible action.

#### **AGENDA**

6) PUBLIC FORUM:

Please limit presentations to three (3) minutes. If you plan to address the Board during this time, please sign the designated form giving your name, address and topic.

- 7) City and Partnering Organizations Reports:
  - a. Projects Construction Updates
- 8) DISTRICT OPERATIONS:
  - a. Clean Team / Block by Block Updates
  - b. Drainage & Trash Issues
- 9) PLACEMAKING:
  - a. Mural Fest 2024 Updates
- 10) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:
  - a. Projects Updates
- 11) PROMOTIONS:
  - a. May ArtWalk Report
  - b. ArtWalk Street Closures
  - c. Special Events
    - i. Pirate Pub Crawl Updates
    - ii. Mural Fest 2024 Updates
  - d. Programming Report
- 12) ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT:
  - a. Review resolution FY 2023-2024 May-01 No Smoking Ban in Parks Ordinance with possible action
  - b. Review resolution FY 2023-2024 May-02 Marina Master Plan with possible action
  - c. Discussion of FEMA Flood Map, Museum Flood Wall, & Type A Sales Tax Reauthorization
- 13) Board Requests for Next Meeting:
- 14) Adjourn.

#### \* EXECUTIVE SESSION

Public Notice is given that the DMD Board of Directors may elect to go into executive session at any time during the meeting in order to discuss any matters listed on the agenda, when authorized by the provisions of the Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, and that the Board of Directors specifically expects to go into executive session on the following matters. In the event the Board of Directors elects to go into executive session regarding an agenda item, the section or sections of the Open Meetings Act authorizing the executive session will be publicly announced by the presiding officer.

Posted: County Clerk, Nueces County Courthouse. District Office, 921 N Chaparral STE 100. City Secretary, Corpus Christi City Hall IBC Bank, 221 S. Shoreline, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

#### Minutes, Regular Board of Directors Meeting April 18th, 2024

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE

#### CORPUS CHRISTI DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corpus Christi Downtown Management District was held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 18th, 2024, at IBC Bank, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 221 S Shoreline, Corpus Christi, TX 78401 pursuant to call and notice in accord with the Texas Open Meetings Act, District Bylaws, and District policy. The following Directors are present for the meeting: Charles, Gignac, Gutschow, Kucewicz, Lain, Lomax, Molina, Peterson, Richline, Shook, Trevino & Votzmeyer-Rios. Also present: A. Mason, A. Albin, J. Bodwell, D. Campos, I. Espinosa, G. Rodriguez, V. Villarreal, P. Wiggins & J. Wright, CCDMD, D. Watson, Block by Block, G. Hinajosa, H. Hurlbert, R Penska, City of Corpus Christi. B. Bailey, J. DeLeon, & J. Martinez, CBWF.

Chairman Peterson determined a quorum at 8:59 a.m. Item 1 & called meeting to order Item 2.

Chairman Peterson moved to the CONSENT AGENDA, Items 3, 4, & 5 on the agenda.

A motion was made by B. Molina to approve the Consent Agenda. This was seconded by R. Charles and passed unanimously.

Chairman Peterson moved to Item 6 on the agenda.

#### 6) PUBLIC FORUM:

There were no comments from the public.

Chairman Peterson moved to Item 7 on the agenda.

#### 7) CITY & PARTNERING ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS:

- a) No Smoking Ban in Parks Ordinance Presentation
  - A PowerPoint Presentation with handout was presented by B. Bailey, J. DeLeon & J. Martinez.
- b) Sales Tax Reauthorization Presentation.
  - A PowerPoint Presentation with handout was presented by H. Hurlbert.
- c) FEMA Flood Map Presentation
  - G. Hinojosa provided a PowerPoint Presentation and answered a number of questions.

Chairman Peterson moved to Item 8 on the agenda.

#### 8) DISTRICT OPERATIONS

- d) Clean Team / Block by Block
  - D. Watson provided an update on monthly operations by PowerPoint Presentation.

Chairman Peterson moved to Item 9 on the agenda.

#### 9) PLACEMAKING

- a) City Wayfinding Survey.
- b) Signage Updates.
- c) Mural Fest 2024 Updates
  - A. Mason provided updates on items 9a. 9b. & 9c. by PowerPoint Presentation.

Chairman Peterson moved to Item 10 on the agenda.

#### 10) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- a) Projects
  - J. Bodwell provided updates by PowerPoint Presentation.

Chairman Peterson moved to Item 11 on the agenda.

#### 11) PROMOTIONS.

- a) April ArtWalk Report
- b) Special Events State of Downtown Recap

- P. Wiggins gave updates on items 11a. & 11b. by PowerPoint Presentation
- c) Programming Report
  - I. Espinosa provided updates on item 11c. Chairman Peterson moved to Item 12 on the agenda.

#### 12) ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT:

- a) Review Resolution FY 2023-2024 Apr-02 amendment to budget with possible action.
  - J. Richline made a motion to approve Resolution FY 2023-2024 Apr-02. This was seconded by C. Lain and passed unanimously.
- b) New Team Members Introduction.
  - J. Wright and G. Rodriguez were introduced to the Board of Directors.
- c) 2023 Downtown Perception Study
  - A. Mason reviewed the project and provided the results by PowerPoint Presentation.
- d) Boundary Expansion Updates
  - A. Mason advised that the expansion of the District has been approved by City Council and so will proceed.
- e) Personnel Item.

At 10:10am on April 18th, 2024 the Board elected to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters pursuant to The Open Meetings Act Section 551.074.

A. Mason reviewed correspondence received from a Downtown Business owner, there was some discussion, no action being required the Board returned to Open Session on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 10:20am

Chairman Peterson moved to Item 13 on the agenda.

#### 13) Board Requests for Next Meeting

- Possible action on No Smoking Ban.
- Possible action on Flood Map
- E. Gutschow requested consideration to change day / time of Board meetings.

Chairman Peterson moved to Item 14 on the agenda.

#### 14) Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:21a.m.

| <br>Glenn Peterson, Chairman. |
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### Corpus Christi Downtown Management District. Balance Sheet

As of April 30, 2024

| •                                      | Apr 30, 24 |
|--|------------|
| ASSETS                                 |            |
| Current Assets                         |            |
| Checking/Savings                       |            |
| 1000 · Bank Deposits                   |            |
| 1100 · Petty Cash                      | 7.59       |
| 1150 ⋅ PayPal                          | 5,019.95   |
| 1215 - American Bank Operating Account | 10,064.50  |
| 1223 · American Bank EFT Account       | 230,825.17 |
| 1284 · American Bank Office Account    | 481.55     |
| Total 1000 · Bank Deposits             | 246,398.76 |
| Total Checking/Savings                 | 246,398.76 |
| Accounts Receivable                    |            |
| 11000 · Accounts Receivable            | 205,804.34 |
| Total Accounts Receivable              | 205,804.34 |
| Other Current Assets                   |            |
| 2000 · Current Assets                  |            |
| 2200 · Prepayments                     | 13,632.99  |
| Total 2000 · Current Assets            | 13,632.99  |
| Total Other Current Assets             | 13,632.99  |
| Total Current Assets                   | 465,836.09 |
| TOTAL ASSETS                           | 465,836.09 |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY                   |            |
| Liabilities                            |            |
| Current Liabilities                    |            |
| Accounts Payable                       |            |
| 20000 · Accounts Payable               | 127,182.29 |
| Total Accounts Payable                 | 127,182.29 |
| Other Current Liabilities              |            |
| 23100 · Accruals                       | 24,580.60  |
| 24000 · Payroll Liabilities            |            |
| 24200 · Retirement Contributions       | 3,138.02   |
| Total 24000 · Payroll Liabilities      | 3,138.02   |
| 25500 · Sales Tax Payable              | 0.10       |
| Total Other Current Liabilities        | 27,718.72  |
| Total Current Liabilities              | 154,901.01 |
| Total Liabilities                      | 154,901.01 |
| Equity                                 | 310,935.08 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY             | 465,836.09 |

### Corpus Christi Downtown Management District. Condensed Profit & Loss Budget Performance April 2024

|                                   | Apr 24     | Apr 23     | % Change | Oct '23 - Apr 24 | Budget       | % of Budget |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|----------|------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense           |            |            |          |                  |              |             |
| Income                            | 156,715.68 | 199,258.03 | -21.35%  | 1,385,342.55     | 2,367,536.00 | 58.51%      |
| Gross Profit                      | 156,715.68 | 199,258.03 | -21.35%  | 1,385,342.55     | 2,367,536.00 | 58.51%      |
| Expense                           |            |            |          |                  |              |             |
| 60900 · District Operations       | 53,481.14  | 48,262.69  | 10.81%   | 378,239.00       | 660,684.00   | 57.25%      |
| 62800 · Economic Development      | 0.00       | 0.00       | 0.0%     | 9,759.78         | 23,475.00    | 41.58%      |
| 63800 · Placemaking               | 2,396.60   | 56,822.24  | -95.78%  | 95,279.31        | 190,000.00   | 50.15%      |
| 64000 · Promotions                | 27,894.99  | 14,971.91  | 86.32%   | 196,949.48       | 395,950.00   | 49.74%      |
| 65000 · Organizational Management | 72,694.50  | 62,684.02  | 15.97%   | 551,645.30       | 1,078,714.00 | 51.14%      |
| Total Expense                     | 156,467.23 | 182,740.86 | -14.38%  | 1,231,872.87     | 2,348,823.00 | 52.45%      |
| Net Ordinary Income               | 248.45     | 182,740.86 | -99.86%  | 153,469.68       | 18,713.00    | 820.12%     |
| Net Income                        | 248.45     | 182,740.86 | 0.14%    | 153,469.68       | 18,713.00    | 820.12%     |

Board Attendance Records 2024

In accordance with the BYLAWS of the CORPUS CHRISTI DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, Section 3.2.

An excused absence is one of the following: (1) Illness or death in the family; (2) Out of town; (3) Unavoidable family, personal or business related emergencies. Any other absence is (4) unexcused."

Directors should advise Staff by email in advance of any anticipated absence quoting one of the reasons listed above.

| #  | Directors - 2024 - attendance          | Appt                | Exp             | Bond | Cell#        | 1/18  | 2/15  | 3/21  | 4/11 | 4/18  | Absences |
|----|--|---------------------|-----------------|------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|----------|
| 1  | Barrera, Jaime. N                      | 4/3/20              | 9/30/26         | 1/23 | 361-563-5083 | ٧     | ٧     | ٧     | Χ    | 1     | 1        |
| 2  | Charles, Robert                        | 12/8/15             | 9/30/26         | 1/23 | 361-815-8199 | ٧     | ٧     | ٧     | Х    | ٧     | 0        |
| 3  | Gignac, Raymond                        | 8/21/01             | 9/30/24         | 1/23 | 361-442-4345 | ٧     | ٧     | ٧     | ٧    | ٧     | 0        |
| 4  | Gutschow, Eric                         | 9/12/17             | 9/30/26         | 1/23 | 361-510-4899 | ٧     | ٧     | ٧     | Χ    | ٧     | 0        |
| 5  | Kucewicz, Krystof                      | 5/21/20             | 9/30/24         | 1/23 | 505-570-0685 | 1     | ٧     | ٧     | ٧    | ٧     | 1        |
| 6  | Lain, Casey                            | 6/8/10              | 9/30/26         | 1/23 | 361-510-9863 | ٧     | 1     | ٧     | ٧    | ٧     | 1        |
| 7  | Lomax, Lesley                          | 10/17/19            | 9/30/24         | 1/23 | 361-215-0858 | ٧     | 1     | ٧     | ٧    | ٧     | 1        |
| 8  | Maxwell, Janet [Treasurer 9/22-9/24]*  | 12/18/12            | 9/30/24         | 1/23 | 361-739-8442 | ٧     | ٧     | 1     | ٧    | 1     | 2        |
| 9  | Molina, Ben                            | 12/15/22            | 9/30/26         | 1/23 | 361-774-0525 | ٧     | ٧     | ٧     | ٧    | ٧     | 0        |
| 10 | Perez, Dee Dee [Vice-Chair 2/22-9/24]* | 6/8/10              | 9/30/26         | 1/23 | 361-673-2800 | 1     | ٧     | ٧     | Χ    | 1     | 2        |
| 11 | Peterson, Glenn [Chair 2/22-9/24] *    | 6/8/10              | 9/30/26         | 1/23 | 361-765-7117 | ٧     | ٧     | ٧     | ٧    | ٧     | 0        |
| 12 | Richline, Josh [Secretary 2/22-9/24] * | 10/17/19            | 9/30/26         | 1/23 | 361-510-0561 | 1     | ٧     | ٧     | ٧    | ٧     | 1        |
| 13 | Shook, Caitlin                         | 4/10/18             | 9/30/26         | 1/23 | 361-774-6724 | ٧     | ٧     | ٧     | Χ    | ٧     | 0        |
| 14 | Trevino, Adrienne                      | 1/19/23             | 9/30/24         | 1/23 | 361-946-9541 | ٧     | ٧     | ٧     | ٧    | ٧     | 0        |
| 15 | Votzmeyer-Rios, Cheryl                 | 4/9/19              | 9/30/24         | 1/23 | 361-728-7041 | 1     | ٧     | ٧     | ٧    | ٧     | 1        |
|    | Number in attendance                   |                     |                 |      |              | 11    | 13    | 14    | 10   | 12    | 50       |
|    | Percentage of attending Directors      | Total               | 15              |      |              | 73.3% | 86.7% | 93.3% | N/A  | 80.0% | 27.8%    |
|    |  |                     | Term to 9/30/26 |      | [9]          |       |       |       |      |       |          |
|    |  |                     | Term to 9/30/24 |      | [6]          |       |       |       |      |       |          |
|    |  | S                   | Special Meeting |      |              |       |       |       |      |       |          |
|    | √ - In Attendance                      | * indicates Officer |                 | -    |              |       |       |       |      |       |          |

| April 2024- voting                     | Present | Consent. | 12A |  |  |
|--|---------|----------|-----|--|--|
| Barrera, Jaime. N                      | 3       | 3        | 3   |  |  |
| Charles, Robert                        | √       | ٧        | ٧   |  |  |
| Gignac, Raymond                        | ٧       |          | ٧   |  |  |
| Gutschow, Eric                         | ٧       |          | ٧   |  |  |
| Kucewicz, Krystof                      | ٧       | ٧        | ٧   |  |  |
| Lain, Casey                            | ٧       | ٧        | ٧   |  |  |
| Lomax, Lesley                          | ٧       | ٧        | ٧   |  |  |
| Maxwell, Janet [Treasurer 9/20-9/22]*  | 3       | 3        | 3   |  |  |
| Molina, Ben (replaces Lomax, B)        | ٧       | ٧        | ٧   |  |  |
| Perez, Dee Dee [Vice-Chair 2/21-9/22]* | 3       | 3        | 3   |  |  |
| Peterson, Glenn [Chair 2/21-9/22] *    | √       | ٧        | ٧   |  |  |
| Richline, Josh [Secretary 2/21-9/22] * | ٧       |          | ٧   |  |  |
| Shook, Caitlin                         | √       |          | ٧   |  |  |
| Trevino, Adrienne (replaces Boyd, C)   | ٧       | ٧        | ٧   |  |  |
| Votzmeyer-Rios, Cheryl                 | ٧       | ٧        | ٧   |  |  |

<sup>&</sup>quot;After 3 unexcused absences or 5 total absences in a calendar year for any reason at regularly called Board of Directors meetings, a Board member's resignation will be required.



## 8. District Operations

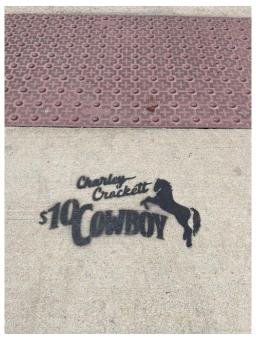
### Clean Team / Block by Block Update



### **Graffiti - Abatement**

- 152 graffiti tags removed
- 79 stickers & handbills removed
- Average of only 18 graffiti tags and 16 stickers in previous period comparison

#### **Before**



#### **After**



**Before** 



**After** 



### Clean Team / Block by Block Update



### **Landscaping - Palm Trees & Crepe Myrtles**

- Over 25 trees landscaped
- Over 300 branches removed
- 5 jasmine beds hedged

#### **Before**



#### **After**



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### Removing Crepe Myrtle "Suckers"



### Clean Team / Block by Block Update



### **New Equipment - Cyclone Rake Benefits**

- Only 6k compared to 70k electric Smartwind machine
- Typical small engine; cheaper & quicker repairs
- Riding mower expands landscaping capabilities

#### HUGE COLLECTOR CAPACITY

Our largest Collector Unit can hold a huge 415 gallons of debris. It's perfect for homeowners and commercial applications.

#### **EASY STORAGE**

Then Cyclone Rake folds completely flat in just a few minutes and can be hung on a wall in your garage or shed.



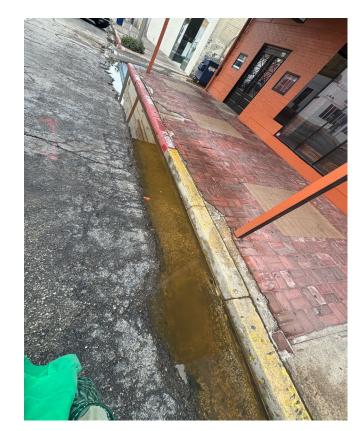
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### **Drainage & Trash Issues**

## Corbas Crown

### **Complex Issue To Solve**

- Drainage & Failed Curbs
- Trash & Debris
- Odor
- Citations
- Disposal
- \$10,000 Budgeted from TIRZ for Trash Mitigation
- FY 24 Dumpster Upgrades,
   Sludge Sucker, Nash Pressure
   Washing Service
- FY 25 Include Part Time Curb Clearing







### **Drainage & Trash Issues**



### **Other Locations with Failed Curbs**













## 9. Placemaking



### SM SANZ

Stephanie Sanz (Dallas, TX)Northwater Apartments





### **ANTHONY**

Anthony Brooks (Chicago/Berlin)

Centre Theatre







### SONNY SUNDANCER

Sonny Behan (Florida/South Africa)

Retama Vista Apartments





### KEY DETAIL

Andrey Kravtsov (New York)

– Aka Sushi





## CRESIVE CULTURE

Jeremy Flores, Adrian Sandoval, Isabella Carrasco, Ralph Mirable, Jennifer Seymour, Lisa Quintanilla Ward Building -Presenting Sponsor: CCMC -





## 10. Economic Development





| Address              | 300 N. Shoreline Blvd.  |
|----------------------|---|
| Description          | Completed Interior improvements included: new drywall, fresh paint, new countertops and backsplash.                         |
|                      | Completed Exterior improvements included: new patio railings, fresh paint, lighting, security cameras, and new landscaping. |
|                      | Grand Opening will be this summer.  |
| <b>Project Cost</b>  | • \$97,299  |
| Incentive<br>Program | <ul> <li>Commercial Finish-Out Program - \$19,000</li> <li>Streetscape &amp; Safety Program - \$8,458</li> </ul>            |







### **Bay Building (Update)**



| Address              | 101 N Shoreline Blvd  |
|----------------------|---|
| Description          | <ul> <li>Completed improvements include: new additions of a<br/>variety of plants in the flower beds around the property,<br/>shade trees along the front of the building facing<br/>Shoreline Blvd., as well as new security cameras and<br/>exterior lighting.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Project Cost</b>  | • \$43,655  |
| Incentive<br>Program | Streetscape & Safety Program - \$21,827   |







### 11. Promotions

### **ArtWalk Report**





### May 3rd, 2024

#### 18,000 visits to ArtWalk

- 1,300 in '23 (16,700 record increase!)
- 1,600 Visits from Out of Towners (50-mi.)

#### • 236 Businesses involved:

- 12 ArtWalk Curators
- 200 Vendors & Food trucks
- 24 Featured Businesses

#### Entertainment

- 8 Block Parties + 5 Performance Areas
- 3 Outdoor Stages, 1 Wrestling Ring & Patio Parties (Sponsored by Andrew's)
- 10 Stages in Venues & Businesses

### Special Features

- Wrestling ft. by Texas Wrestling Cartel
- Lowrider Car Display by Leal Bro. Custom Paint & Body
- Pirate Pub Crawl Kick-Off





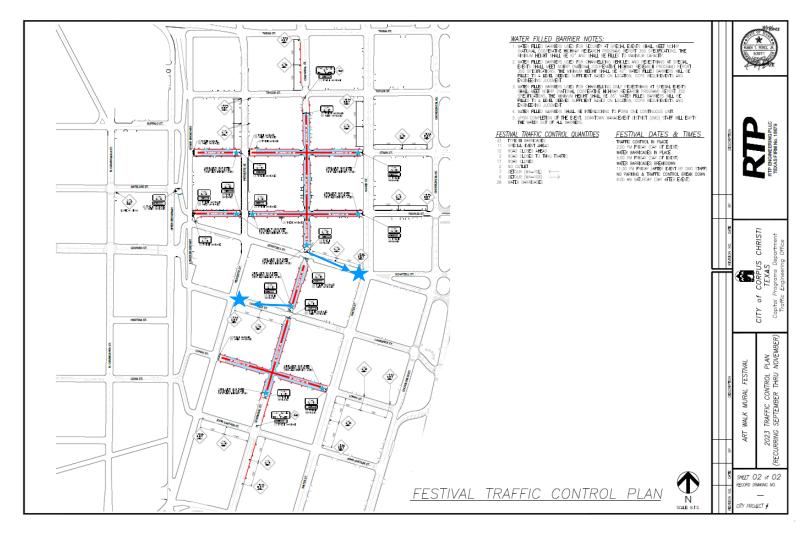






### **ArtWalk Street Closures**

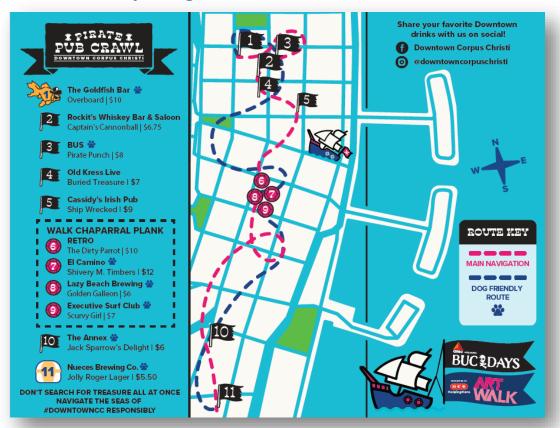




### **Special Events**

### 2024 Pirate Pub Crawl (May 3rd – 12th)

11 Participating DBA Businesses







### **Special Events**

### 2024 Mural Fest - June 1st - June 8th

- Sponsorships
  - Presenting Sponsor (\$30,000) Corpus Christi Medical Center
  - Mural Sponsor (\$15,000) Texas Art & Cultural Commission Grant
  - Equipment Sponsor (\$10,000) United Rental
  - Hospitality Sponsor (\$5,000) Visit Beaumont
  - NMA Mixer Sponsor (\$5,000) Vacasa
  - Education Sponsor (\$5,000) Valero
  - Hospitality Host (Trade) AMST, Art Center, CC Hooks, Elizabeth's, Gallery 41, GrowLocal Farmer's Market, Harrison's Landing, House of Rock, K Space, Water St. Oyster Bar, Rockit's, Texas Tease, Whataburger

#### Event Timeline

- Sat. May 31st / Sun. June 1st Artist Arrival
  - Sat. Texas Tease Boat Tour\*
  - Sun. AMST Guided Tour\*
- Mon. June 2nd Artist Painting\*
- Tue. June 3rd Hooks Baseball Game\*
- Wed. June 4th Farmer's Market Meet & Greet\*
- Thur. June 5th Education Day (Artist Q&A) @ Kspace\*
- Fri. June 6th ArtWalk / MuralWalk\*
- Sat. June 8th NMA Mixer @ Rockit's





<sup>\*</sup>DMD to host artist for lunch/dinner with Hospitality Host(s)

### **Programming Report**

### **Downtown Business Association**

- 54 DBA Members 23'-24'
- 04/17 April Meeting
  - Held at Rockit's Whiskey Bar & Saloon
  - Agenda Items: BUC Days, New Team Member Introductions, ArtWalk, Upcoming Events
     & Promotional Items
- 05/15 May Meeting
  - Held at Executive Surf Club
  - Agenda Items:
     Guest Speaker, Mural Fest,

Upcoming Events, &

**Promotional Items** 



### **Downtown Run Club**

- Sponsors & Partners
  - **Fleet Feet** Presenting Sponsor
  - **AEP Texas** Ambassador & Merch
  - CC Run Club After Dark Coproducer
- After Party
  - Rockit's Whiskey Bar April
- Run Club Stats April
  - 770 total registrations from inception
  - 401 runners in April (63 New)
- Themed Run
  - May 8th Pirate Plank
     Run/Walk 5k held at
     Rockit's Whiskey Bar









## 12. Organizational Management

### RESOLUTION FY 2023-2024-May-01 TO SUPPORT NO SMOKING BAN IN PARKS ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the use of tobacco and vaping products is addictive and remains the leading preventable cause of death in the United States;

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke is harmful to health, even outdoors;

WHEREAS, parks are frequented by children, who can be exposed to the effects of tobacco products and/or pressured by peers to try tobacco products;

WHEREAS, cigarette products are one of the most frequently found types of litter in parks and are not biodegradable;

WHEREAS, the City of Corpus Christi devotes valuable staff time to the cleanup of litter in parks, and

WHEREAS, the natural beauty and cleanliness of Corpus Christi parks and beaches is a significant part of their value.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Corpus Christi Downtown Management District supports the prohibition of smoking or vaping at all Corpus Christi city parks with potential exemptions including golf courses and beaches.

The above resolution statements were approved and declared adopted on this  $16^{th}$  day of May 2024.

| Glenn Peterson |  |
|----------------|--|
| Chairman       |  |
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|                |  |
| Josh Richline  |  |
| Secretary      |  |
|                |  |



May 23, 2023

Rebecca Huerta, City Secretary City of Corpus Christi 1201 Leopard St Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Dear Mrs. Huerta,

Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation 2882 Holly Road Corpus Christi, TX 78415 (361) 442-2350

Project H.O.P.E. (HOPE) in Youth Programs at The Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation is a community coalition partnership addressing the use and misuse of alcohol tobacco, and prescription drugs in the Coastal Bend, including Nueces County. HOPE mobilizes the community to implement environmental and policy change related to substance misuse, prevention, and behavioral health promotion. HOPE focuses on environmental and policy education concerning alcohol, tobacco, and prescription drugs to bring about change.

HOPE proposes a change to the current City Ordinance. HOPE proposes that the smoking ban for Blucher Park (Ord. No. 031879, § 1, 9-24-2019. Sec 36-14) be extended to all parks to read "Behavior prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in smoking or vaping at any Corpus Christi city park."

Why is the proposed ordinance change important for our park community?

The use of tobacco and vaping products is unsafe for everyone, especially for kids, teens, and young adults that frequent our park systems. Nicotine found in all these products is highly addictive and can harm adolescent brain development, which continues into early to mid-20s. Parks are a primary location where teens are influenced to give into peer pressure and try addictive substances. Nicotine harms parts of the brain that control attention, learning, mood, and impulse control. Studies suggest that sitting 3 feet away from a smoker outdoors can expose you to the same level of secondhand smoke as if you were sitting indoors with a smoker. Secondhand smoke can trigger asthma attacks, increase the risk of blood clots and hurt blood vessels. This ordinance would reduce exposure to secondhand smoke outdoors and would reduce the City's liability by allowing first-hand and second-hand smoking in parks.

Tobacco and nicotine products don't just negatively impact the health of individuals, they also endanger the health of the environment. Cigarette and e-cigarette waste can make its way into the environment where it pollutes water, air, and land with toxic chemicals, heavy metals, and residual nicotine. The Truth Initiative has reported an estimated 766,571 metric tons of cigarette butts make their way into the environment every year. Cigarette butts are often disposed of on streets, sidewalks, and other public areas, like parks, where they may be carried as runoff into drains and end up polluting our rivers, beaches, and oceans. Cigarette butts don't biodegrade because they are primarily made up of plastic filters. Currently, no waste management facility in Corpus Christi collects e-cigarette waste for proper disposal.

On April 1, 2023, HOPE alongside 17 different organizations had 170 volunteers clean up seven different parks in Corpus Christi. Community member volunteers collected 3,239 cigarette butts, 16 vaping devices, 3 dip cans, 17 wraps, 7 lighters, 1 cigar, and 2 glass pipes from these seven different parks. This ordinance could help with enforcement of park beautification efforts and reduce park litter to ensure a cleaner park experience for residents. Please consider this needed change to the City Ordinance to make Corpus Christi parks smoke-free.

With Kind Regards,

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Item to be moved to June Board Meeting

## Discussion of FEMA Flood Map, Museum Flood Wall, & Type A Sales Tax Reauthorization



- Identified in 2000's
- Initial Impacts of 10 Feet
- City Appealed FEMA Confirmed 7 Feet
- City Adopted Free Board Adds 1 Foot
- Seeking historic designation waiver for certain downtown properties
- Museum Flood Wall Budgeted 3
   Stakeholders
- First Type A Sales Tax Proposal Maintains
   Downtown Flood Protection at \$2-3
   Million Per Year
- Second Type A Sales Tax Proposal
  - Arena Complex & Surrounding Area
  - Residential Streets







# 13. Board Requests for Next Meeting



## 14. Adjourn