



Downtown
Redevelopment
Authority

Board of Directors Meeting
February 14, 2023

Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone, Number Three
City of Houston

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

January 10, 2023

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Downtown Redevelopment Authority (the “Authority”) convened in regular session, in person and open to the public, at the Authority’s office, located at 1221 McKinney Street, Suite 4250, Houston, TX 77010, on the 10th of January 2023, and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Board, to wit:

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and all of said persons were present except Directors Tiko Hausman, Sherman Lewis, and Regina Garcia.

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Additionally, guests from the public attending included Andrew Busker with the City of Houston; Ashly Johnson and Nick Arunza, both with Link Houston.

DETERMINE QUORUM; CALL TO ORDER

Chair Curtis Flowers conducted a roll call. A quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

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NEXT MEETING

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ADJOURNMENT

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Barry Mandel, Secretary
Downtown Redevelopment Authority
("Authority")

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Downtown Redevelopment Zone (“Zone”)



Check register for January 2023

- Total checks issued in January 2023 were \$2.4M.
 - Buffalo Bayou Partnership
 - Operations Support - \$1.4M
 - DLI Payment – The Star
 - Rusk@San Jacinto Partners, LP \$799K
 - Central Houston, Inc.
 - Admin support - \$130K
 - Trebly Park
 - Property Taxes - \$46K
 - Structura - \$8K

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MAIN STREET MARKET SQUARE
AP Check Register (Current by Bank)
Check Dates: 1/1/2023 to 1/31/2023

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Check No.	Date	Status*	Vendor ID	Payee Name	Amount
BANK ID: OP - JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.					101.000
3057	01/02/23	P	3025	CENTRAL HOUSTON, INC	\$129,656.50
3058	01/02/23	V	1/2/23 3025		
3059	01/02/23	V	1/2/23 3025		
3060	01/02/23	V	1/2/23 3025		
3061	01/11/23	P	7201	RUSK@ SAN JACINTO PARTNERS, LP	\$799,197.00
**5117305	01/17/23	M	3203	ANN HARRIS BENNETT	\$46,239.71
**5117318	01/17/23	M	2100	BUFFALO BAYOU PARTNERSHIP	\$1,387,585.23
**5117324	01/17/23	M	6053	JAMIE PERKINS	\$214.35
**5117327	01/17/23	M	7204	STRUCTURA, INC.	\$8,410.81
BANK OP REGISTER TOTAL:					\$2,371,303.60
GRAND TOTAL :					\$2,371,303.60

* Check Status Types: "P" - Printed ; "M" - Manual ; "V" - Void (Void Date); "A" - Application; "E" - EFT
** Denotes broken check sequence.

TIRZ (TZ03) Overtime Programs 2022

4TH QUARTER REPORT (OCTOBER 1 – DECEMBER 31)

Overtime Programs Overview

- ▶ Downtown Division utilized 5 overtime programs specifically designed to address identified issues in the downtown area. These programs included:
 - ▶ Patrol Traffic Enforcement
 - ▶ Outdoor Dining Bike Initiative
 - ▶ Scooter/Street Racer Initiative
 - ▶ Specialized Units Initiative
 - ▶ Night Life Initiative

PATROL TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

- ▶ Patrol overtime officers focus on conducting traffic stops in the downtown area. Traffic stops provide officers the ability to reduce crime by identifying suspicious vehicles operating in the downtown area. At the same time, officers can address traffic issues thereby creating a safer environment downtown, and officers are providing increased visibility which aids in deterring criminal activities.
- ▶ Patrol overtime officers also assist in following ways:
 - ▶ Running Code 1 or 2 calls for service
 - ▶ Conducting checks of the Beacon area, Market Square Park, and Discovery Green.
 - ▶ Assisting with the dirt-bikes and car clubs when needed.

❖ Officer Hours: 169.5

❖ Sergeant Hours: 207.5

PATROL TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Call Activity			
	Oct	Nov	Dec
Primary Calls	38	6	
Secondary Calls	19	20	
Offense Reports	3	5	
Accident Reports		1	
Traffic Stops	259	132	
Warrant Service Attempts			
Crime Initiatives	91	47	
Citizen Contacts	349	226	
Admin Assignment			4

Civility Incidents			
	Oct	Nov	Dec
Vagrants/Homeless	35	11	
Scooter Warnings			
Street Racer/Loud Veh			
Total	35	11	0

Seizures/Recoveries			
	Oct	Nov	Dec
Autos Recovered			
Property Recovered Value			
Money Seized			
Property Seized Value			
Weapons Seized			

Arrest Activity			
	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total Suspects in Jail		1	
Charge & Activity Types			
Felony Charges			
Class A/B Charges			
Class C (No Ticket)		1	
To-Be Warrants			
City Warrants			
Felony Warrants			
Misd. Warrants			
Total	0	1	0

Traffic			
	Oct	Nov	Dec
Non-Moving	237	9	
Moving	50	131	
Parking Citations	45		
Total	332	140	0

Narotics Recovered			
	Oct	Nov	Dec
Marijuana / Kush			
Cocaine / Crack			
Other			
Total	0	0	0

OUTDOOR DINING BIKE INITIATIVE

- ▶ This program was implemented in response to several complaints of aggressive panhandlers at outdoor dining locations along Main Street. The mission of this program is to address civility issues and provide a safe environment for individuals utilizing outdoor dining through increased officer presence/visibility. Many of the restaurant and bar owners have provided positive feedback regarding the increased visibility along Main Street.
- ▶ Bike officers have made 1,464 citizen contacts and given 7 warnings to aggressive panhandlers and/or vagrants along Main Street.
 - ❖ Logistics: 2 Officers per shift.
Shifts Monday-Friday from 1000-1400.
 - ❖ Officer Hours: 329.5
 - ❖ Sergeant Hours: 32

OUTDOOR DINING BIKE INITIATIVE

Call Activity			
	Oct	Nov	Dec
Primary Calls	2	4	1
Secondary Calls	5	2	2
Offense Reports	1	2	1
Accident Reports		1	
Tactical Action Plans			
Warrant Service Attempts			
Crime Initiatives	137	130	103
Citizen Contacts	666	515	283
Admin Assignment			

Arrest Activity			
	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total Suspects in Jail			
Charge & Activity Types			
Felony Charges			
Class A/B Charges			
Class C (No Ticket)			
To-Be Warrants			
City Warrants			
Felony Warrants			
Misd. Warrants			
Total	0	0	0

Civility Incidents			
	Oct	Nov	Dec
Vagrants/Homeless		2	5
Scooter Warnings			
Street Racer/Loud Veh			
Total	0	2	5

Traffic			
	Oct	Nov	Dec
Non-Moving			
Moving		1	
Parking Citations	3		
Total	3	1	0

Seizures/Recoveries			
	Oct	Nov	Dec
Autos Recovered			
Property Recovered Value			
Money Seized			
Property Seized Value			
Weapons Seized			

Narcotics Seized			
	Oct	Nov	Dec
Marijuana / Kush			
Cocaine / Crack			
Total	0	0	0

SCOOTER / STREET RACER INITIATIVE

- ▶ The mission of this program was to restore the right of ways for pedestrians on the sidewalks of downtown by enforcing scooter and vendor-related ordinances.
- ▶ Officers focus on issuing citations to vendors in violation and educating scooter riders of the recent legal changes.
- ▶ In response to several complaints from area residents and business owners, officers also target street racers downtown & vehicles with loud exhausts.

- ❖ Officer Hours: 127
- ❖ Sergeant Hours: 176

SCOOTER / STREET RACER INITIATIVE

Call Activity			
	Oct	Nov	Dec
Primary Calls	16	3	
Secondary Calls	31	19	
Offense Reports	8		
Accident Reports			
Traffic Stops	113	38	
Warrant Service Attempts			
Crime Initiatives	195	85	
Citizen Contacts	944	364	
Admin Assignment	0	0	0

Civility Incidents			
	Oct	Nov	Dec
Vagrants/Homeless			
Scooter Warnings	898	364	
Street Racer/Loud Veh	63	19	
Total	961	383	0

Seizures/Recoveries			
	Oct	Nov	Dec
Autos Recovered			
Property Recovered Value			
Money Seized			
Property Seized Value			
Weapons Seized			

Arrest Activity			
	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total Suspects in Jail	2		
Charge & Activity Types			
Felony Charges			
Class A/B Charges	1		
Class C (No Ticket)			
To-Be Warrants			
City Warrants			
Felony Warrants			
Misd. Warrants	3		
Total	4	0	0

Traffic			
	Oct	Nov	Dec
Non-Moving	129	56	
Moving	19	3	
Parking Citations	39	17	
Total	187	83	0

Narcotics Seized			
	Oct	Nov	Dec
Marijuana / Kush			
Cocaine / Crack			
Other			
Total	0	0	0

SPECIALIZED UNITS INITIATIVES

- ▶ The specialized units attached to the Downtown Division are tasked with all things law enforcement that fall outside of the parameters of patrol. The Crime Suppression Team (CST) conducts proactive and reactive investigations into crime trends and major crimes in the Downtown area. The Differential Response Team (DRT) is tasked with managing the homeless population and other quality of life concerns.
- ▶ DRT conducted targeted enforcement at encampments and hot spots of civility issues. They also conducted pedi-cab enforcement during large events.
- ▶ CST focused on conducting traffic stops and addressing auto thefts and BMVs, which are the most prevalent crimes that occurs downtown.

❖ Officer Hours: 406.5

❖ Sergeant Hours: 73

SPECIALIZED UNITS INITIATIVES

Call Activity			
	Oct	Nov	Dec
Primary Calls	1	7	
Secondary Calls	3	13	
Offense Reports	9		
Accident Reports			
Tactical Action Plans		2	
Warrant Service Attempts			
Crime Initiatives	60	94	
Citizen Contacts	140	26	
Traffic Stops	20	49	

Civility Incidents			
	Oct	Nov	Dec
Vagrants/Homeless	15		
Scooter Warnings			
Street Racer/Loud Veh			
Total	15	0	0

Seizures/Recoveries			
	Oct	Nov	Dec
Autos Recovered	3	0	0
Property Recovered Value	\$0	\$0	\$0
Money Seized	\$0	\$0	\$0
Property Seized Value	\$0	\$0	\$0
Weapons Seized	0	1	0

Arrest Activity			
	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total Suspects in Jail	3	6	
Charge & Activity Types			
Felony Charges	1	2	
Class A/B Charges		2	
Class C (No Ticket)			
To-Be Warrants			
City Warrants			
Felony Warrants	2		
Misd. Warrants	3	2	
Total	6	6	0

Traffic			
	Oct	Nov	Dec
Non-Moving	105		
Moving			
Parking Citations			
Total	105	0	0

Narcotics Seized (grams)			
	Oct	Nov	Dec
Marijuana / Kush		11.4	
Cocaine / Crack		0.9	
Other		0.41	
Total	0	12.71	0

NIGHT LIFE INITIATIVE

- ▶ This program proactively addresses issues stemming from night clubs or bars operating in the downtown area. The target areas are driven by crime statistics and complaints from citizens and businesses.
 - ▶ Officers conduct traffic stops in the target areas in attempt to identify violent offenders & seize unlawfully carried firearms. Officers also provide increased visibility in the target areas especially during the hours that the patrons from the clubs are dispersing.
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- ❖ Logistics: 2 Officers & 1 Sergeant per shift.
Every Friday & Saturday from 2200-0200
 - ❖ Officer Hours: 60
 - ❖ Sergeant Hours:7

Call Activity			
	Oct	Nov	Dec
Primary Calls			13
Secondary Calls			2
Offense Reports			0
Accident Reports			0
Tactical Action Plans			0
Warrant Service Attempts			0
Crime Initiatives			123
Citizen Contacts			39
Admin Assignment			3

Civility Incidents			
	Oct	Nov	Dec
Vagrants/Homeless			
Sobering Center			
Street Racer/Loud Veh			
Total	0	0	0

Seizures/Recoveries			
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Autos Recovered			
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	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total Suspects in Jail			1
Charge & Activity Types			
Felony Charges			
Class A/B Charges			1
Class C (No Ticket)			
To-Be Warrants			
City Warrants			
Felony Warrants			
Misd. Warrants			
Total	0	0	1

Traffic			
	Oct	Nov	Dec
Non-Moving			5
Moving			3
Parking Citations			33
Total	0	0	41

Narcotics Seized (grams)			
	Oct	Nov	Dec
Marijuana / Kush			1
Cocaine / Crack			
Total	0	0	1

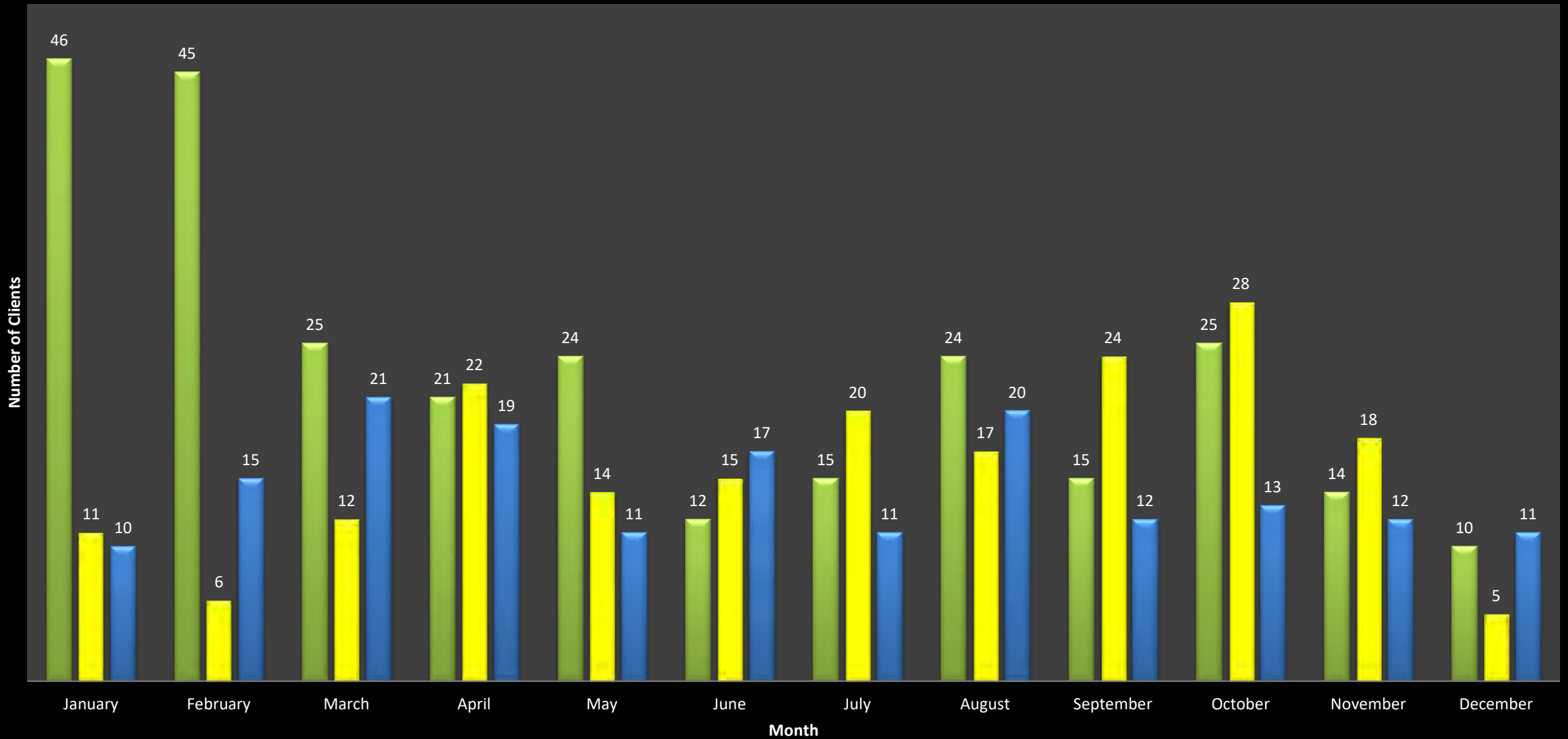
BUDGET

TIRZ (TZ03) MONTHLY EXPENDITURES (FY22-23)														
		July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	Total
Estimated Program Expenditures	Patrol Visibility	248.00	8,851.00	13,059.00	16,476.00	9,098.00	1,386.00							49,118.00
	Night Life	2,689.20	0.00	3,777.75	0.00	0.00	4,280.00							10,746.95
	Specialized Units	0.00	12,862.00	8,820.00	19,809.00	11,216.00	0.00							52,707.00
	Scooter/Street Racer	3,528.00	5,087.00	8,857.00	14,994.00	6,832.00	0.00							39,298.00
	Outdoor Dining Bike	3,931.00	7,595.00	10,620.00	8,620.00	8,154.00	6,223.00							45,143.00
	Est. Expenditure Totals	10,396.20	34,395.00	45,133.75	59,899.00	35,300.00	11,889.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	197,012.95
	Adjustments	1,223.93	5,065.95	13,691.00	1,124.46	2,799.09	1,545.27							25,449.70
Actual Expenditures	Overtime	11,620.13	39,460.95	58,824.75	61,023.46	38,099.09	9,154.27							218,182.65
	Divisional Expenses	27,229.45	3,803.44	26,885.84	3,277.22	61,104.85	50,307.46							172,608.26
												Total Expenditures YTD	390,790.91	
												Opening Balance	700,000.00	
												Remaining Balance	309,209.09	

* PS10 expenditures are not directly removed from the DT TIRZ budget.

Houston Recovery Center 1A10 Jail Diversions

2020 2021 2022



Update: 2023 Planned Initiatives

- ▶ Downtown Division plans to continue the 5 initiatives utilized during 2022 and continuously monitor their effectiveness and adjust resources as needed.
- ▶ Beacon Area Initiative:
 - ▶ A new initiative recently implemented with the intent to decrease violent crime that occurs in the area around The Beacon (1212 Prairie). Officers will conduct foot patrol in the in the block around the Beacon (Caroline/Texas/San Jacinto/Prairie) and address narcotics, fugitive and civility issues.
 - ▶ This initiative should decrease not only the criminal activities occurring around this area, but also protect the vulnerable population and lessen the complaints from surrounding businesses and residents.



LYNN WYATT SQUARE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

PROJECT UPDATE TO:
**DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY**

FEBRUARY 14, 2023



Thank you!

For your:

- **Amazing investment of \$10,000,000!**
- **Outstanding support from your team on design and construction**
- **Outstanding support from your team for additional fundraising efforts to get us to a total of \$26,460,000!**

Team

- Project Management: Houston First
- Design: RIOS, Harrison Kornberg, Gradient, E&C, Henderson Rogers, Asakura Robinson and 6 other subconsultants
- Construction: Manhattan Construction Company
- Testing: Alpha (Concrete) and Intertek (Waterproofing, Curtainwall)
- O & M: Houston First
- Programming: Houston First

Budget

• Design and CA	2,800,000
• Testing & CenterPoint	160,000
• Construction (incl. contingency)	23,500,000
• Total	26,460,000
• Available funding	26,460,000

Funding



- Lynn Wyatt
- Downtown Redevelopment Authority
- Houston First Corporation
- Elkins Foundation
- Cullen Foundation
- The Fondren Foundation
- The Wortham Foundation, Inc.
- MD Anderson Foundation
- The Robert and Janice McNair Foundation
- Vivian L. Smith Foundation
- Herzstein Foundation

Schedule

2021												2022												2023											
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CONSTRUCTION



MAY 23

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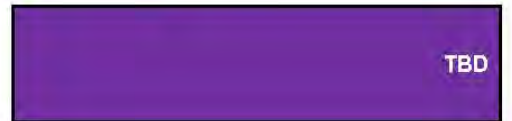
APR-MAY 23

GRAND OPENING



APR 23

RESTAURANT



TBD

Programming



- Communication Arts Resources (CARS)
- Inspired by performing arts/arts
- In collaboration with many stakeholders

Programming



- **Informal and daily passive use**
 - **Type:** Fitness, Lawn Games, Culinary, Business
 - **Frequency / Timing:** Daily, Weekly, Monthly and Seasonal
 - **Estimated Size Range:** Individual to 50 people

Programming



- Special programs/events
- interactive installations



Furnishings



- Tables, chairs, bike racks, drinking fountains, trash receptacles
- Rocking Chairs
- Swings



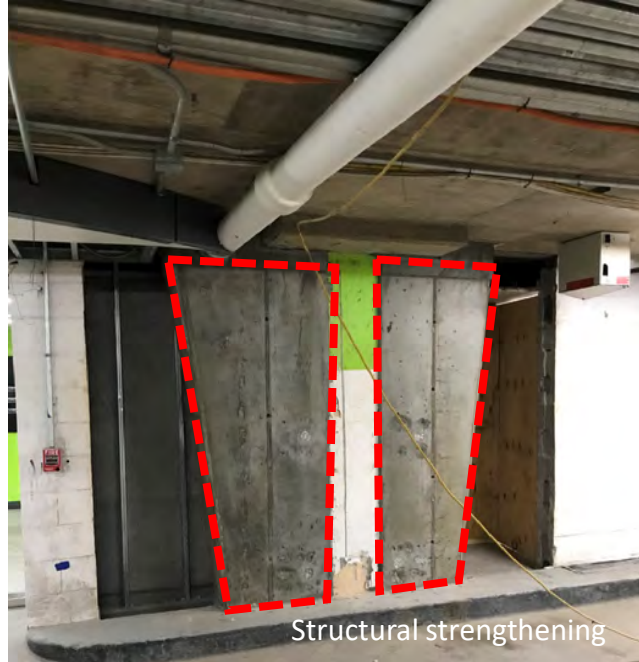
Progress



Structural strengthening



- Approximately 18 % of the work is inside the garage levels



Structural strengthening

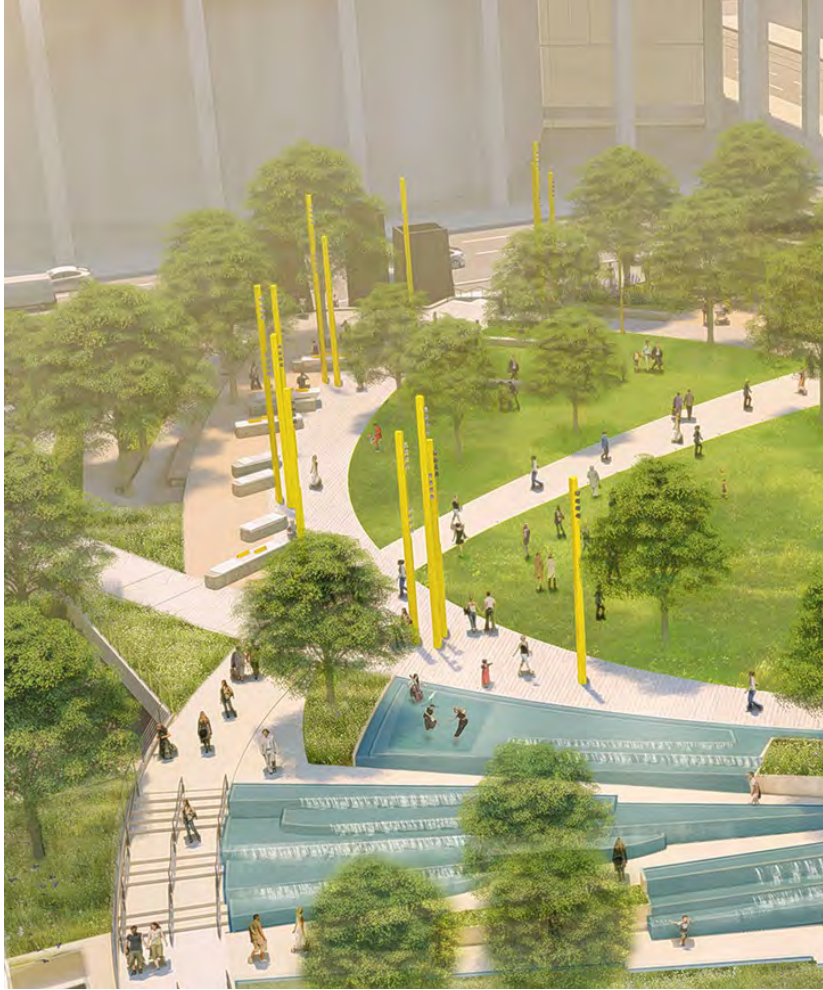


Cutting the elevator opening

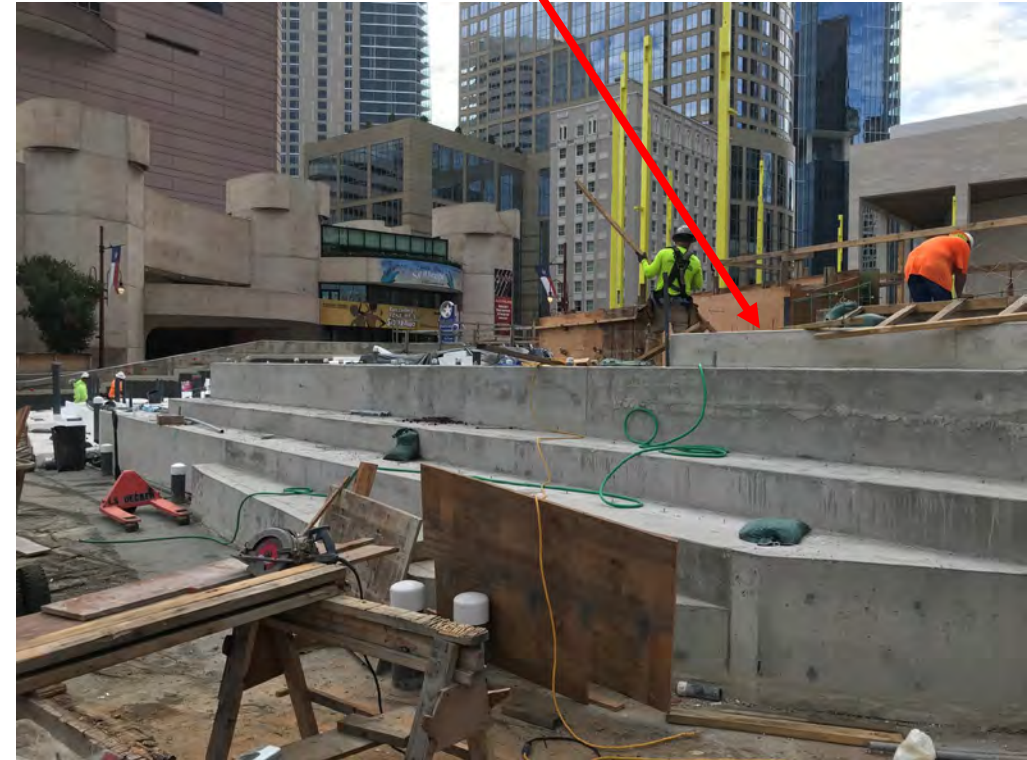
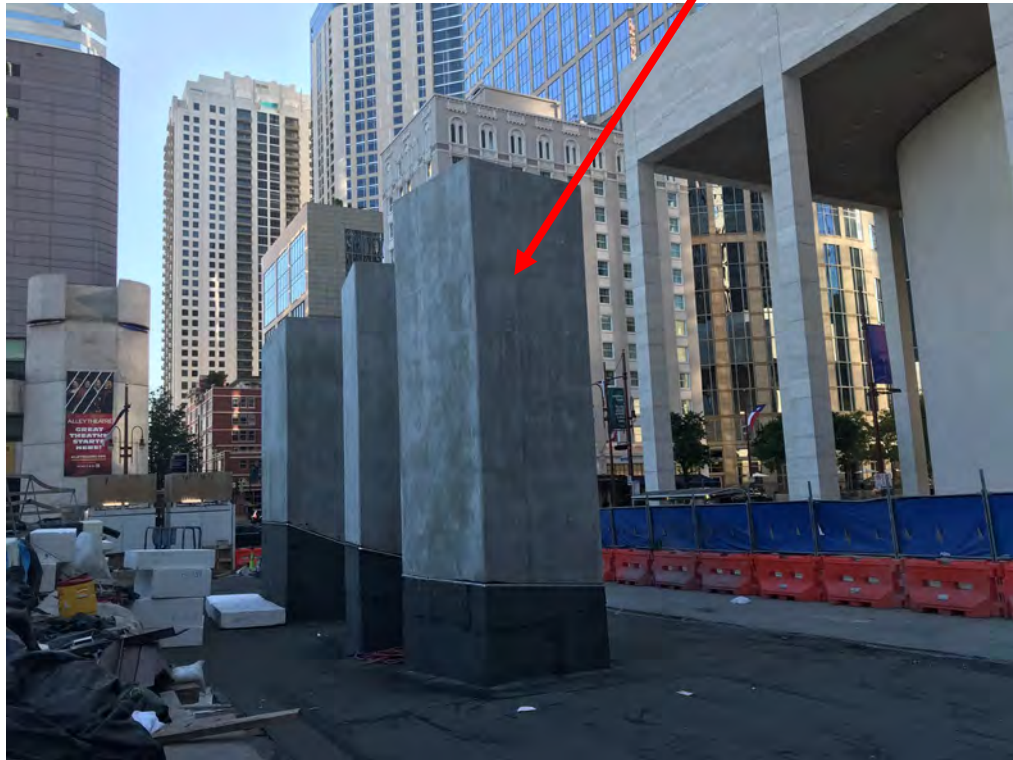


Various MEP conduits to serve above & below

Progress



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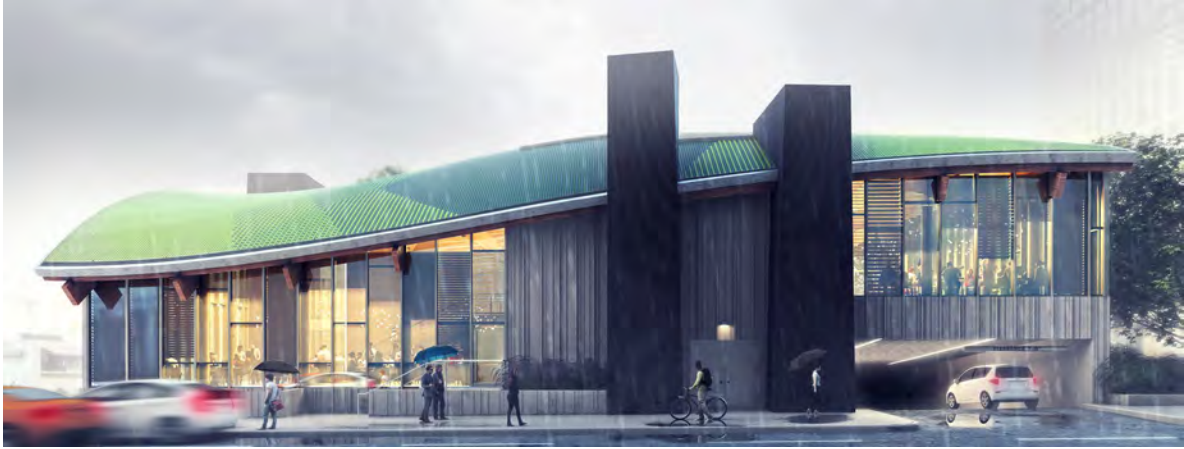


Progress



212,000 cubic yards (70 large truck loads)

Progress



Large Trees



Thank you!





CENTRAL HOUSTON, INC.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT PLAN UPDATES

FEBRUARY 2023

GOAL 1

Champion major projects, initiatives and investments that improve Downtown

1.1: Build and maintain cross-sector relationships with area leaders so that CHI can support, facilitate or lead on catalytic opportunities.

Highlight: Following the execution of the MOUs between the City/County and TxDOT, and in partnership with the Mayor's Office, CHI began charting the next phase of the Mayor's NHHIP Steering Committee which provides critical guidance to the Mayor for decisions on the project.

Participating Agencies:



1.5: Collaborate with partners such as the City of Houston, Harris County, Greater Houston Partnership and Houston First to leverage opportunities for shared strategies to improve Downtown Houston.

Highlight: Following the opening of the City's new Navigation Center, CHI/HDMD committed to provide support to the Coalition of the Homeless & the City of Houston to decommission the Chartres homeless encampment during the week of February 6th.

Participating Agencies:



GOAL 2

Enhance and maintain a comfortable, welcoming, and well-managed public realm

2.1: Maintain and advance the standard of care for Downtown's cleanliness and well-kept appearance.

Highlight: HDMD formalized and executed an agreement with Houston First to repair and oversee the maintenance of the eleven (11) "Cotswold" fountains located on Prairie, Preston and Congress beginning on January 30. The maintenance and repair costs for the Cotswold fountains will be fully reimbursed by Houston First.

Participating Agencies:



2.2: Cultivate nature across Downtown, including its urban forest, planters, and other greenspace elements.

Highlight: In January, the HDMD Board authorized management to enter into an agreement with Davey Resource Group to implement their TreeKeeper smart monitoring system for Downtown's trees. The initial phase will be to inventory and assess the health of all District maintained trees within the public right-of-way, and will lead to a more sophisticated and systemic urban forestry approach.

Participating Agency:



GOAL 3

Drive vibrancy through improved street-level connectivity, a commitment to walkability, and inclusive programming strategies

3.9: Support efforts to enable a more festive game day atmosphere better integrated into the built environment.

Highlight: In concert with the Harris County - Houston Sports Authority, CHI received approval from the NCAA to utilize the HDMD ambassador program to better represent Houston to visiting fans during the Final Four. In this role, the ambassadors will have special uniforms and graphics on their equipment that support a more fan-friendly environment.

Participating Agencies:



3.13: Develop programs and use strategies to connect area employers and residents with Downtown Parks.

Highlight: As part of Trebly Park's Grand Opening on January 27, 2023, local community vendors and (5) residential properties in close proximity to the park were included in the carnival-themed festivities with information booths for potential residents, and promotion to current residents to enjoy and use their new neighborhood park.

Participating Agency:



GOAL 3

Photo Highlights: Trebly Park's Grand Opening on January 27, 2023



GOAL 4

Foster a vital and thriving economy through business growth, residential expansion, and enhanced reasons to be in Downtown

4.9: Research and develop return-to-office strategies to accelerate the return of employees to Downtown.

Highlight: Downtown in-office occupancy reached a best-ever single-day occupancy rate of 76% on January 17, 2023. The month of January concluded with an average return-to-office rate of 62.50% across all workdays.

Participating Agencies:



4.10: Continue investing in innovation and technology start-ups to support the diversification of the Downtown employment base.

Highlight: On January 17, CHI hosted local business leaders from across Houston for a visit with Donald Cravins, the first Under Secretary for Minority Business Development, to discuss funding that would help minority and other underserved entrepreneurs launch and scale their businesses. CHI are working with local leaders to submit a grant application to the MBDA to further the Launchpad's reach.

Participating Agencies:



GOAL 5

Develop a hivemind of intelligence and goodwill by genuinely engaging and convening stakeholders

5.1: Develop a representative engagement structure that provides stakeholders the opportunity to inform decision making and advise on the direction of Downtown.

Highlight: CHI staff worked with members of the CHI, DRA, and HDMD boards to finalize assignments into the new collaborative committees. Board members were provided the opportunity to self-select in the committee whose focus best suits their interest and expertise. The new committees will kick off in February 2023.

Participating Agencies:



5.8: Improve and expand external communications to increase awareness of CHI, its actions, and general Downtown happenings.

Highlight: On January 27, the Houston Chronicle ran a feature story on the future of the Pierce Elevated, a key civic opportunity site made available through implementation of the future NHHIP project. Through pro-active public relations work, the article included interviews with CHI leadership, and included project renderings and other insight made possible through CHI and its affiliates.

Participating Agencies:

