

Minutes of the Meeting  
**Board of Directors**  
**San Jose Downtown Association**

June 9, 2017

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Jose Downtown Association, a non-profit California organization, was held at Theatre on San Predro Square, San Jose, CA.

The following directors were present at the meeting: Bartl, Bates, Buchholz, Corbett, Cord, Gomez, Lerman, Marques, Matsushima, Naran, Neale, Nichols, Osuka, Pence, Randall, Summers, Vuckovich and Wong.

The following directors were absent from the meeting: Bentz, Burroughs, Fernandez, Hattley, Horrigan, Ismail, Kuprina, O'Connor, Ramirez, Rewkiewicz, Saso and Serpa.

Also present were SJDA staff: Amy Anderson, Peggy Bradley, Nate Echeverria, Leslie Griffy, Rick Jensen, Scott Knies, Nate Le Blanc, Danielle Ratliff, Robert Stromberg, Jason Su, Chloe Verrey and Bree von Faith.

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President Vuckovich called the meeting to order at 8:18 a.m.

Vuckovich thanked Nick Nichols of TOSPS for hosting the meeting and providing the breakfast. Nichols welcomed attendees and shared upcoming events at the theatre.

Minutes of the May 12 Board meeting were unanimously approved as distributed to Board members.

President's report

a) Planning department changes

Director of Planning Building and Code Enforcement Harry Freitas has resigned effective June 2. Freitas has accepted the position of Director of Santa Clara County Roads and Airports effective June 5.

San Jose City Manager Norberto Dueñas has assigned Assistant Director Rosalynn Hughey as interim Director of the Planning,

Building and Code Enforcement Department and Chief Building Official Chu Chang as interim Assistant Director. Regular meetings with SJDA will continue. Looking forward to working with new leadership while national search for Planning Director is underway.

#### Homeless conditions / solutions downtown

Knies shared that homelessness is a strategic priority of SJDA and a major concern in recent member survey.

The following individuals presented information and responded to questions submitted by members in advance and by text during the presentation:

- Jackie Morales-Ferrand, Director of Housing, City of San Jose
- Jason Dwyer, Captain, San Jose Police Department
- Megan Colvard, Regional Director, PATH
- Scott Strickland, Chief of Staff to County Supervisor Cindy Chavez

Morales-Ferrand shared that permanent, supportive housing is a long-term solution and the passing of Measure A will support those efforts. The Plaza Hotel will open this August for the transitionally homeless. It takes years to plan, finance and construct homeless housing. Short-term solutions were minimally addressed – such as feedings in St. James Park would take another six months.

Dwyer shared that the police department will continue to make a calculated approach to enforcement and that homelessness cannot be solved through an enforcement-only approach.

Colvard shared the work of PATH including breaking ground on their first housing project north of St. James Park. Many of the homeless are suffering from mental illness and need specialized services. The recent violence at Donner Lofts homeless housing is example of why strong management and wrap-around supportive services are needed on-site.

Strickland shared that the County is considering the adoption of Laura's Law that would compel mandatory treatment to individuals deemed as in immediate harm to themselves or others. He also described in detail the process with Measure A funds to provide housing solutions – and the time required for this housing to come on-line.

Attendees were invited to ask questions and frustration was expressed with current conditions and the apparent lack of urgency/leadership towards short-term solutions while long-term housing is built.

Vuckovich adjourned the meeting at 9:29 a.m.