



Solano Business Improvement District Board Meeting Minutes

Date: October 24, 2023

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Meeting Location: 1801 Solano Avenue, Berkeley, CA

Corrections to:

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Meeting commenced at 10:04 am. Board Members present: Andrew S, Devany, and Solomon. Also present: Solano Avenue Association and Vincent McCoy, City of Berkeley staff.

1. Approval of Minutes, motion Solomon/second Devany, unanimously approved.
2. Secretary's Report – Zoning Ordinance going to Council
3. 2024 Budget Review
 - a. Disbursements and invoice review. Solano Avenue Association to pay Peralta Services and be reimbursed by City of Berkeley.
 - b. Solano Avenue Revitalization to be discussed at future meeting. Board acknowledged that the request for proposals related to envisioning the revitalization needs to be released as a next step.
4. 2023 and 2024 Calendar Year Work Plans
 - a. City Council approved 2023 Report and 2024 Work Plan. Public hearing slated for November 14, 2023.
 - b. Equity on the Avenue – commission to review fees and tiers. Board discussed idea of developing a grant program to provide funding for member businesses to do façade improvements, and look at kinetic art to replace succulent baskets.
 - c. Parking and Sidewalks – discussion regarding Solano / Colusa intersection, Albany and Berkeley having jurisdiction over portions of Solano Avenue. Ideas included improved signage at Colusa/Solano interchange, need to gather additional information on accident history on Solano Avenue.
5. Commissioner Recruitment – ongoing with identified candidate will be called upon by Andrew. Commission seeks to increase diversity of members.

6. Public Comment - Solano Avenue Association (SAA) announced that there is Small Business Administration and SAA business lending event at Mechanics Bank on San Pablo on November 9 at 6 p.m. 1841 Solano Avenue has been leased.
 - a. Solano Avenue Association provided comment on Peralta Services, and delineation of Albany/Berkeley borders.
7. Adjournment motion by Andrew, second by Solomon, at 11:30