



Board of Directors Meeting

Location: Watsco 5th Floor Conference Room - 10am on Thursday November 2nd, 2023

Start Time: 10:21am Opened by Commissioner Sabina Covo, Chair
Adjournment: 12:50pm Motion by Monty Trainer Seconded by Jaime Stuyck

Attendees: Board Members: Commissioner Sabina Covo, Alexandra Argudin, Elizabeth Solar, Jaime Stuyck, Olaf Kohrsmeyer, Michael Comras, Jeffrey Pankey, Ivan Rapin-Smith, Atchana Capellini, Monty Trainer

City Staff: Anthony Balzebre (D2) Xavier Alban (City Attorney)

BID Staff: Cynthia K. Seymour, Olav Smit, Venusmia Fernandez Lovely, Kristell Hurtado, Sully Silva (BBB)

Approval of Minutes from Board of Directors Meeting on July 18, 2023 Motion made by Alex Argudin; seconded by Archana Capellini (Passed unanimously)

Approval of Request for FMLA Motion to approve Cynthia Seymour's FMLA made by Alex Argudin; Seconded by Atchana Capellini (Passed unanimously)

Discussion on Grove BID coverage during Cynthia Seymour's FMLA leave: Commissioner Covo stated that Manny Gonzalez volunteered his time during Cynthia Seymour leave. Mr. Alban brings it back up after they vote to approve the FMLA leave. One male (unsure of his name) states the specifics and the Board further discussed Manny's qualifications/experience and current position at the Wynwood BID, the vote occurs around 2:19:55 after the Chair asks whether a vote is needed and Mr. Alban confirms a vote should occur

Motion to appoint Manny Gonzalez (Executive Director of the Wynwood BID) Interim executive Director of the Grove BID during Cynthia Seymour thirty (30) day leave of absence (FMLA leave) made by Alex Argudin; Seconded by Atchana Capellini (passed unanimously)

Presentation - Sustainability Initiative:

SDMP with Astrapto - Presentation on 11/2 - Dr. Aurora Dawn Benton

#BlueGrove 2023 and Upcoming Monthly Business Cleanups with DFO

Upcoming Initiatives:

Bike and Walk to School Safety Day - Data Collection with the Girl Scouts

Sustainability Committee - Upcoming Monthly Events, Badges, Metrics and Grants

Presentation - Financial Update:

Sterling Capital Presentation - Investment Results and Outlook - Blake Myton, Sterling Revenues - Sidewalk Cafe Fees Update

Cynthia Seymour stated that she has been able to recoup outstanding sidewalk cafe fee's from the department in the amount of \$168,718.80. Deposited into account as of that board meeting.

Discussion Item:

Discussion Item regarding the creation of an Executive Search Committee:

Commissioner Covo recommendation to appointed: Grant Savage, Lalo Durazo, William Rivas
Board Members that requested to be part of the committee: Elizabeth Solar, Jeffrey Pankey, Alexandra Argudin

Motion to create an executive search committee made by Jeffrey Pankey, seconded by Atchana Capellini

The Executive Search Committee Members will be : D2 Commissioner, Alexandra Argudin, Elizabeth Solar, Jeffrey Pankey, Grant Savage, Lalo Durazo and William Rivas

Discussion Item regarding the creation of a Finance Committee

Commissioner Covo recommended to appointed: William Rivas

Board Members that requested to be part of the committee: Ivan Rapin-Smith, Alexandra Argudin, Olaf Kohrsmeyer. Commissioner Covo and BID Board request for the accountant of the Grove BID Frank Laso of CCSG to attend the finance committee meetings.

Motion to create a Finance Committee made by Olaf Kohrsmeyer and seconded Alexandra Argudin (passed unanimously)

Next Meeting: January 12, 2023 at the Mayfair Garden Hotel