

MINUTES

GARDEN GROVE DOWNTOWN COMMISSION

January 13, 2022

A Meeting of the Garden Grove Downtown Commission was called to order in the Founders Room, 11300 Stanford Avenue, on Thursday January 13, 2022.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: (5) Commissioners: Lerma, Lindley, Stewart, Tortalano and, Weimer

ABSENT: (2) Commissioners: Dang, Zaragoza

ALSO PRESENT: Trevor Smouse, Liaison, Amanda Pollock, recording secretary, Jennifer Goddard-Nye, Community Relations, and Sgt. Royce Wimmer

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

MINUTES

Receive and file the minutes from the Special Meeting November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

It is was moved and seconded to receive and file the minutes the Special Meeting of November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Commissioners:

Dang-	ABSENT
Lerma-	AYE
Lindley-	AYE
Stewart-	AYE
Tortalano-	AYE
Weimer-	AYE
Zaragoza-	ABSENT
<b>ACTION:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Receive and file the Financial Statements for December 2021 & January 2022

It was moved and seconded to receive and file the Financial Statements for December 2021 & January 2022

Commissioners:

Dang-	ABSENT
Lerma-	AYE
Lindley-	AYE
Stewart-	AYE
Tortalano-	AYE
Weimer-	AYE
Zaragoza-	ABSENT
<b>ACTION:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>

Discussion Items

Presentation by Community Services-Jennifer Goddard-Nye

Open Streets Four will happen in the spring on April 02, 2022. There will be a 2.2 mile route; Acacia Parkway from 8<sup>th</sup> to Nelson. Roadways will be closed to vehicles. There will be temporary hard and soft closures which PD and Public Works are working closely with staff to ensure the public have the proper path of egress. New park will be activated on the Public Right-of- Way. The Medal of Honor Trail will be a focal point of programming. There will be food and music as well as interactive booths. They are looking for businesses to partner with Open Streets for other activities and programming ideas.

Discussion with PD about homelessness-Sgt. Royce Wimmer

Sgt. Wimmer gave an overview of Special Resource Team (SRT): Most of the homelessness is due to decriminalization of drugs from felonies to misdemeanor in California. People are coming to California, because of the State's soft stance on drugs. 70% of police calls are related to homelessness. The SRT is mostly for the large encampments, though they do answer other calls.

This year the "Be Well" program was started, which has 2 crises counselors, Hope Team, operate out of a large blue van and are available for mental health crises and a detox center. The hours beginning in March will be from 6am to 9pm. They also have proactive outreach program.

Opportunity Knocks is a county and state wide program whose facility is located on the corner of Civic Center and Garden Grove Blvd. It is a recovery oriented adult behavioral health program. If a person signs up for housing assistance when there is no housing available, they are released into the City until such time housing can found.

Matters from Commissioners:

Disappointment that not all the Christmas lights that were when they should have been.

Matters from Staff:

Community Development took the lead and replanted the hanging plants on Main St. Staff presented several options for new plants in the planters. Commissioners wanted a theme to be carried throughout so everything is uniform.

It was moved and seconded to accept option #1 for the new landscaping.

Commissioners:

Dang-	ABSENT
Lerma-	AYE
Lindley-	AYE
Stewart-	AYE
Tortalano-	AYE
Weimer-	AYE
Zaragoza-	ABSENT
<b>ACTION:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>

Traffic Issues:

It was moved and seconded to have the radar feedback trailer placed near Azteca. Staff will inquire about signage with blinking lights.

Commissioners:

Dang-	ABSENT
Lerma-	AYE
Lindley-	AYE
Stewart-	AYE
Tortalano-	AYE
Weimer-	AYE
Zaragoza-	ABSENT
<b>ACTION:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m. The next meeting of the Downtown Commission has been adjourned to March 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted for Amanda Pollock,  
*Rosemarie Jacot*