

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023
ATRIUM CONFERENCE ROOM – 500 CASTRO STREET
10:00 A.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Chair Mike Kasperzak.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Committee members Anne Cavanaugh, Marina Keith, David Lin, Kira Pascoe, Jamil Shaikh, Money Singh, Vice Chair Pamela Baird, and Chair Mike Kasperzak.

Absent: Committee member Merry Yen (excused).

The newest Committee members, Anne Cavanaugh and Money Singh, introduced themselves to the Committee. Welcome!

Staff Present: John Lang, Economic Vitality Manager; Edgar Maravilla, Senior Planner; Aruna Bodduna, Transportation Planner; Ria Hutabarat Lo, Transportation Manager; and Brandon Whyte, Active Transportation Planner.

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

The minutes of the December 6, 2022 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting and approved as distributed.

Motion—M/S Baird/Keith—Carried 8-0-1; Yen absent—To approve the minutes of the December 6, 2022 meeting.

4. UPCOMING AGENDA TOPICS

- Busking and music in downtown.
- General maintenance and cleanliness of downtown.
- Hope Street Lots Project Update (Tentative March).

- Transit Center Grade Separation Project (Tentative March).
- Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget Conversation for Downtown Committee.

5. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Public Comment: Erik Barry from St. Stephens Green was interested in understanding the timing of planned construction in the downtown in summer 2023. The question was addressed as part of the staff presentation for Item 6.3.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6.1 **DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

Planning Division staff provided an update on downtown development projects.

Public Comment: None.

No action taken.

6.2 **CASTRO STREET UPDATE**

Economic Development staff provided the following updates related to downtown:

Staff is working with businesses within the Pedestrian Mall area to remove broken, unwanted items from the area. Staff is looking to do a clean-up day in late February/early March.

Staff provided a high-level summary of vacancies in downtown that included Castro Street and side streets.

Public Comment: None.

No action taken.

6.3 **CASTRO PEDESTRIAN MALL UPDATE**

Public Works staff provided a summary of the design guidelines and framework associated with the Pedestrian Mall. Information regarding the types of chairs, heaters, and other furniture was shared along with the timing of adding new asphalt to the street in the late summer time frame.

Public Comment: None.

No action taken.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 CASTRO BIKEWAY FEASIBILITY STUDY

Public Works staff shared with the Downtown Committee a range of bike lane alternatives along Castro Street, between El Camino Real and California Street. The alternatives presented align with an earlier presentation given by staff to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) on January 25, 2023. The memorandum and presentation shared during the Committee meeting can be found here: <https://mountainview.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6002725&GUID=AE86878A-A4CA-4091-8E87-2D578B015322&Options=&Search=>.

Staff sought feedback from the Committee on the range of alternatives presented.

Public Comment: None.

Motion—M/S Baird/Pascoe—Carried 8-0-1; Yen absent—To table feedback to the March 2023 Committee meeting, allowing the Committee to spend more time with the presentation and memorandum from BPAC.

7.2 ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Committee member Lin nominated Pamela Baird for chair role. Committee member Shaikh seconded the nomination.

Motion—M/S Lin/Shaiikh—Carried 8-0-1; Yen absent—To appoint Pamela Baird as Chair of the Committee for 2023.

Vice Chair Baird nominated Jamil Shaikh for the Vice Chair role. Committee member Keith seconded the nomination.

Motion—M/S Baird/Keith—Carried 8-0-1; Yen absent—To appoint Jamil Shaikh as Vice Chair of the Committee for 2023.

Public Comment: None.

No action taken.

8. COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice Chair Baird shared the next Mountain View Historical Society Walking Tour will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 26, 2023.

Committee member Pascoe shared that the Downtown Business Association is launching a “Reel Love Instagram Contest to Spotlight Downtown Businesses” for Valentine’s Day.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

These Minutes are hereby submitted for approval by John Lang, Recording Secretary.

Approved on _____.

JL/6/CDD

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