

## **MINUTES**

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REGULAR MEETING—TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024  
PLAZA CONFERENCE ROOM—500 CASTRO STREET  
8:00 A.M.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by Chair Jamil Shaikh.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Committee members Peter Katz, Pamela Baird, David Lin, and Merry Yen (arrived at 8:09 a.m.), Vice Chair Mike Kasperzak, and Chair Jamil Shaikh.

**Absent:** Committee members Anne Cavanaugh (excused), Marina Keith (unexcused), and Money Singh (excused).

**Staff Present:** Juan Diaz, Fire Chief; John Lang, Economic Vitality Manager; Amanda Rotella, Economic Development Strategist; Edgar Maravilla, Senior Planner; Diana Pancholi, Principal Planner; Ria Lo, Transportation Manager; Brandon Whyte, Active Transportation Planner; and Aruna Bodduna, Transportation Planner.

**3. MINUTES APPROVAL**

The minutes of the February 6, 2024 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting and approved as distributed.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Motion**—M/S Baird/Kasperzak—Carried 5-0-4; Cavanaugh, Keith, Singh, Yen absent—To approve the minutes of the February 6, 2024 meeting.

**4. UPCOMING AGENDA TOPICS**

Items requested by the Committee:

- Mountain View Mediation Program Presentation.
- Enliven Downtown Storefronts.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**—None.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6.1 **DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

Community Development staff provided an update on two downtown development projects. No.7: 756 California Street has filed to extend their permits. No. 18: 392-394 Castro Street is required to do a lot line adjustment for the single building.

Vice Chair Kasperzak inquired about prior owner history for 392 Castro Street along with what the process is for undertaking a lot line adjustment.

Committee member Baird asked for future reports to include a map of where the projects are located.

**Public Comment:** None.

No action taken.

6.2 **CASTRO STREET UPDATE**

Economic Development staff provided the following updates related to the downtown:

- Related to Patio Areas: Three more patio licenses have been executed, bringing the total number of licenses to 28.
- Educational and Enforcement for patios will begin starting April 1, 2024 to ensure compliance with the Patio Standards and Guidelines.
- Staff will be communicating with businesses about the removal of their outdoor equipment that was being stored in the parking lots/garage while interim improvements were being made to Castro Street.
- Social Space (Eddies). Games and other infrastructure should be coming back out into the Pedestrian Mall starting in April.
- Agreements for Outdoor Patio Grants are being executed and will be issuing reimbursements to businesses for their purchases of patio equipment.

- A new downtown consolidated webpage has been developed along with a new newsletter (Downtown Digest) to highlight information on downtown.

Committee member Katz recommended including a link to the visitor center.

Committee member Baird and Chair Shaikh recommended including information on the Library and the Mountain View Historical Society historical tour.

Committee member Katz asked about an update on the Decorative Street treatment within the Pedestrian Mall. Transportation Planner Aruna Bodduna noted feedback has been received by the Downtown and Council Transportation Committees and will be returning to City Council before summer break.

Vice Chair Kasperzak asked about the delivery of the treatment. Staff responded that the aim is to have the project completed during the warm months of this year.

**Public Comment:** None.

No action taken.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### 7.1 PRESENTATION ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Fire Chief Juan Diaz shared some history about the Fire Department and noted that this year marks the 150th year of operation for the Mountain View Fire Department. To honor the milestone, a parade through downtown is being planned for Sunday, May 19, 2024. The parade will have vintage Fire apparatus, Dalmatians, bucket brigade, and other public safety vehicles. There will be a recruitment and education fair on Civic Center Plaza following the parade at 12:30 p.m.

Committee member Yen asked if there is a fund-raising component to the parade. Chief Diaz responded that the nonprofit Random Acts is doing fundraising.

**Public Comment:** None.

No action taken.

### 7.2 PRESENTATION ON SISTER CITIES

Leslie Imai presented information on the Sister City relationship with Iwata, Japan. The program is focused on student exchange. The relationship was established in

1976. Five to six Mountain View students spend 10 days in Iwata, Japan, and then five to six students from Iwata come to Mountain View for 10 days. There is a five-member board that supports the Sister City relationship.

Committee member Yen asked about other Sister City relationships or inquiries. Chair Shaikh asked about state-to-state relationships.

Committee member Katz asked about the need for additional board members.

**Public Comment:** None.

No action taken.

### 7.3 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN-DOWNTOWN ANALYSIS

Active Transportation Planner Brandon Whyte provided an overview of the work that is under way on developing an Active Transportation Plan (ATP). Brandon Whyte sought feedback from the Committee on the ATP and posed the following questions to the Downtown Committee:

- How can we make walking and biking better in the downtown area?
- How do you feel about north/south routes for biking and why?
- How do you feel about east/west routes for biking and why?
- Anything else you want to let us know about walking and biking in downtown?

Committee members shared their responses to the questions.

**Public Comment:** None.

No action taken.

## 8. COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee member Katz mentioned that the City Annual Update will be occurring on March 22 at the Hyatt Centric.

Committee member Baird announced the Mountain View Historical Association walking tour on Sunday, March 24, at 2:00 p.m.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

These Minutes are hereby submitted for approval by Amanda Rotella, Recording Secretary.

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_.

JL/4/CDD

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