



Board Meeting Minutes
Date: August 10, 2021 from 6:30 pm to 7:35 pm
Location: Zoom platform

Present: Joseph Jung, Mike Thaler, Alan Wilk, Mindy Landmark, Matthew Ticknor, Curt Haven, Keun Bae Yoo

Absent: Sonja Brooks

Staff: Shari Godinez, Courtney Russell, Greg Harris, Ramon Hall

Guest: None

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1. Welcome and Establish Quorum	Meeting began 6:46pm Quorum established	
2. Open Discussion / Announcements	None	
3. Staff Report: a) -Ramon Hall, Streetplus Operations Supervisor	<p>Ramon Hall- Reported that 11,025 pounds of garbage was picked up. He stated that this is because they are fully staffed now and there are more people in the district. The reopenings have caused more foot traffic. There were no 311 calls reported. Ramon stated, "There's been illegal dumping but if we wait for it to be picked up it will be all over the place so instead me and the other ambassadors go and pick up the dumping". He also reported 124 graffiti's have been covered up and there was only one 911 call. A man was beaten and tased but refused to accept any treatment or go in the ambulance.</p> <p>He reported outreach to 54 homeless people, which is a 70% increase from last month and 0 needles found due to the majority of drug users being on crystal meth now.</p> <p>There were 342 interactions with the public up from 41. 11 blocks were pressure washed. 798 pieces of cardboard were picked up throughout the district. There was a shooting 2 weeks ago at 10am near the Louisiana fish restaurant. There has been a lot of dog feces left in the street lately so we are making sure that's been cleaned up.</p> <p>Shari mentioned that no one was hurt in the shooting incident. Mindy thanked Ramon for all the work he is doing in the district. Joseph mentioned that there's a 7% increase in homelessness and asked if there are any plans to address it. Ramon stated that there are 12 homeless people living in our footprint and they have built good relationships with the homeless in order to keep the area as clean as possible.</p> <p>Alan mentioned there was a big car fire on 29th and if they were aware. Ramon stated that they were aware of it but it's outside our footprint so they were not involved. Kuen Bae asked what are the city ordinances regarding the homeless so Joseph requested we find out what those ordinances are.</p>	Shari will send ordinance on homeless to Board

<p>b)-Greg Harris, First Fridays</p>	<p>Greg- Announced that we have not yet received a permit for August First Fridays. He said we met with Officer Cabral from Special Events, and he stated that they still want the \$25k per month. He said that they have a meeting scheduled with the Chief of police. Greg announced that staff member Mike Woolsen resigned and he wished him the best. He said that TMI, the street closure company, gave a quote that's 72% over what we've paid before, (From \$3000k to \$5600k). Due to the loss of staff members, Venessa and Greg would be the only ones on the First Fridays team that know what to do regarding First Fridays. He stated that we have 2 new employees that we have to train. Greg said that the city of Oakland asked local black businesses to sell at Lake Merritt for free for the whole month of August. This may impact Oakland First Fridays ability to have vendors pay to be at an event. There was a comment by Board member Mike Thaler that in his opinion OPD has been trying to shut down First Fridays for the last two years. He suggested that we go back to the way it started with an informal event. Other Board members agreed and Greg was in agreement but also said he was concerned about being blamed for rogue vendors being out on the streets.</p>	
<p>c) - Shari Godinez, Executive Director KONO</p>	<p>Shari- Shari had Courtney introduce herself to everyone and stated that she split Mike's hours and tasks between Courtney and Christina. She stated she will determine if another staff member is needed once First Fridays is back up and running. She mentioned that she submitted all of the new assessments to the city for the fiscal year. Some of the board members and Shari had lunch with Councilman Fife. They covered a lot of different things. Shari has also been getting recommendations for a new facilitator for a board retreat. It was confirmed by Keun Bae that we could have the retreat in Jan 2022 and at the same facility as before. She also stated that she did not receive any new nominations for the Board and other Board members stated that no one had received the nomination mailer as of yet.</p> <p>Shari stated that Ramon confirmed that the KFC will become a Starbucks. We lost the recommendation to become a buffered bike lane. Construction will begin January 2022 and it's a 12 month construction process. The new banners are up in the district and the holiday banners are stored until we need them. Visit Oakland asked for a recommendation for videos they are going to make for the art district and they are going to use Art Murrum, First Fridays and Rock Paper Scissors gallery. Shari has been spending a lot of time working with the city staff including the mayor's office, the city administrator and the Economic Development department regarding bringing back First Fridays. KONO applied for a \$5k grant from the city of Oakland for Neighborhood Voices, received \$2100 from Alameda County arts commission and received \$52,770 from the Shutter Venue Operators grant. Shari mentioned we have had multiple attempted break ins in the district at our garage and shed. She had a zoom meeting with police Captain Rosen and the community. She was successful in getting a 2 yard recycle bin for KONO. Ramon has been able to use it for all of the cardboard left in the district. And we were able to replace the tuff shed handle through the warranty. Chief Armstrong wants to come to the district and meet with the community Tues August</p>	

	<p>17th and will be using Blind Tiger for the meeting. The city expects 50-100 people to attend the meeting.</p> <p>Curt asked what's the intention of the meeting and Shari stated that Chief Armstrong is looking for solutions for the violence in Oakland and wants to connect with the community to help solve the problems.</p> <p>Kuen Bae asked if we can request that the big trees in district be trimmed and Shari said she would inquire</p>	<p>Shari will put in a tree trim request with the city.</p>
<p>4) Action Item: Approve Minutes from June 8, 2021 Board Meeting</p>	<p>Mike T-Motion to approve Curt-2nd the motion to approve No objections or abstentions Minutes approved</p>	<p>Action: Minutes from June 8, 2021 are approved</p>
<p>5) Action Item: Approve all Financial Reports through July 2021</p>	<p>Shari- The bank account for KONO as of the end of July had \$626,473 We received our final distribution of funds. Gross revenue is 557,973. Total expenses were 293,209. Net revenue was \$264,682. First Friday's bank balance at the end of July was \$203,510. Total income from Jan-July \$56,078.00 which was mostly from grant money and \$1200 from individual donations. Total expenses was \$26,793 and then there is the PPP funding of \$49,500. Net income is \$78,785.</p> <p>Mike T-Motion to approve Alan- 2nd motion to approve No objections or abstentions</p>	<p>Action: All financials through July 2021 for KONO and First Fridays are approved</p>
<p>6) Action Item: Vote on New and Returning Board Members</p>	<p>Matt Ticknor mentioned he will not continue after his chair renewal comes up in Nov and will be nominating his partner Tim Rooney who would represent projects in the district and he's also an Oakland resident that lives on West Grand. Matt needs to fill out the nomination form and start the process and can anticipate Tim will be at the next meeting.</p> <p>Joseph Jung states he requests to remain on the board as President Mindy-Motion to approve <u>Joseph Jung</u> as President of KONO Alan-2nd the motion No objections/abstentions</p> <p>Curt- Motion for <u>Sonja Brooks</u> to remain Vice President of KONO Mike T- 2nd the motion No objections/abstentions</p> <p>Alan-Motion to keep <u>Mike Thaler</u> as Treasurer Kuen Bae-2nd the motion No objections/abstentions</p> <p>Mike T-Motion to approve <u>Mindy Landmark</u> to remain on the board Curt-2nd the motion No objections/abstentions</p> <p>Mike T-Motion to approve <u>Kuen Bae Yoo</u> to remain on the board Curt-2nd the motion No objections/abstentions</p> <p>Matt T-Motion to approve <u>Curt Haven</u> to remain on the board Kuen Bae- 2nd the motion No objections/abstentions</p> <p>Shari- We will not vote for Matt today Joseph- So all remaining 6 board members will remain on the board for the next 2 years. Congratulations to everyone</p>	<p>Action: 6 Board Member have been voted on and approved for the next 2 years</p>

	Shari- As a director I just want to say I'm so happy everyone renewed and thanks to Joseph for being such a great leader for so long.	
7) Discussion: Vote on draft of KONO Race & Equity Statement	<p>Shari mentioned that the Race and Equity statement has been going through a lot of transitions and changes and Sonja was going to do a final draft but she isn't here.</p> <p>Mindy asked if we can use Smartsheets going forward and Shari confirmed that we can.</p> <p>Curt stated that he believes the 2nd draft was very good and to the point and really followed some of the business practices of the BID and it felt very inclusive so he supports the 2nd edition.</p> <p>It was suggested that we drop housing rights and replace with arts and culture and sharing community resources</p> <p>It was also decided to change this item to a discussion and hold off on voting on the final draft until all who have been apart of creating the statement have time to review it first</p>	
8) Discussion: Dates for KONO Annual Board Retreat	Joseph stated that we can plan for either Jan or end of Feb 2022 and asked Shari to pick which one, propose the dates and circulate the dates once decided	
9) Updates from the ad-hoc committees	<p>Curt confirmed he didn't have anything to report</p> <p>Shari asked if we want to put up holiday decorations or holiday banners this year. She also stated she was thinking of making some First Fridays banners and mix those in between West Grand and 27th</p> <p>Joseph confirmed that ordering First Friday banners would be good to put throughout the footprint in addition to the banners already up</p> <p>Joseph- Thank you to all who will continue to serve and you are appreciated</p>	
10) <u>Next Executive Board Meeting:</u>	<p>Meeting adjourned: 8:07pm</p> <p>Next Board Meeting: October 12, 2021 6:30 pm</p>	
	by Courtney Russell and Edited by Shari Godinez	