

UNIVERSITY NORTH PARK BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

February 7, 2020

The University North Park Business Improvement District Advisory Board met at 10:00 a.m. in the John Q. Hammons Boardroom at the Embassy Suites Hotel & Conference Center on the 7th day of February, 2020, and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted in the Municipal Building at 201 West Gray Street 48 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT: Dan Quinn
Jennifer Alexander
Scott Kovalick
Matt Clouse
Austin Goodwin
Jeff Webb

ABSENT: Keith Peters
Mandy Haws
Mike Thompson

STAFF PRESENT: Kathryn Walker, City Attorney
Anthony Francisco, Director of Finance
Jason Olsen, Recreation Superintendent
Wade Thompson, Recreation Superintendent
Sarah Encinias, Legal Admin Tech

1. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 1, 2019, MEETING MINUTES.

After review, motion was made by Matt Clouse and seconded by Austin Goodwin to accept the Minutes from the November 1, 2019, meeting as submitted. The vote was unanimous to accept the Minutes as submitted.

2. UPDATE ON LEGACY PARK EVENTS AND RESERVATIONS.

Jason Olsen said this year's event series has ended. The Philharmonic event was rained out and was not rescheduled but 300 people attended the Cheers and Beers event. The Legacy Park Activity Committee will start soon and Mr. Olsen invited BID Board members to attend if they wished. When events start again, the first event will be in May and will be held on the first Friday of every month. They plan to have Cheers and Beers and Paint the Town Pink. The final event will be held in November for a total of 6 events in the season and attendance at events continues to improve. Mr. Olsen said they had fireworks at the Winterfest and people enjoyed them. Austin Goodwin asked about the singer/songwriter series and Mr. Olsen said it was not a recurring event at this time.

3. UPDATE AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LEGACY PARK MAINTENANCE ISSUES.

Wade Thompson, Recreation Superintendent, said maintenance service began this month and service will be done on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Eleven new trees were planted and irrigation was reworked.

4. UPDATE ON LEGACY PARK PARKING LOT PROJECT.

The parking lot was completed and has 26-28 parking spaces and landscaping was reworked to include this area.

5. UPDATE ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO UNIVERSITY NORTH PARK TAX INCREMENT FINANCE DISTRICT PROJECT PLAN.

Kathryn Walker said City Council approved the negotiated amendments that they requested staff obtain in order to end the TIF, with the vote being 5-4. The City then received a Referendum Petition 1920-1 filed by Steven Ellis to stop the amendments. This was followed up by the receipt of a Protest filed by former mayors in district court that challenges the Referendum Petition. The first hearing on the matter is set for February 24th.

Once a decision is made, parties will have 30 days to appeal to the Supreme Court. The FYE21 budget was approved in anticipation of the TIF ending but now it reverts back to pre-referendum rules until the court makes a decision and appeal times have passed. Matt Clouse asked if this will impact the BID Board in any way and Ms. Walker said no. Chair Dan Quinn asked for status of Ad Valorem collections and Ms. Walker said she was going to file liens soon.

6. TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION.

Mr. Quinn asked Ms. Walker to keep members updated on TIF issues and Ms. Walker said she would send periodic emails to everyone. Mr. Clouse asked if there was a social media outlet for the publicity of Legacy Park. Mr. Goodwin said there is a page but he wasn't sure who ran it. Jeff Webb said his website would be up in the next 30 days. Mr. Olsen said the City runs a Facebook page called @LegacyPark but it doesn't represent the entire district. Mr. Clouse said once a page or site is made for the district, it should be run by the Property Owner's Association once the association is created.

7. MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION.

Ms. Walker referred members to the Cash Flow Statement in the packet handout for today. She said collections were a bit down from last year this time but invoices are going out and are due at the end of March. FYE18 & 19 have been updated based on actual collections and assessments this year are to be incorporated next year. She has also updated the statement with both maintenance issues. Anthony Francisco said sales tax will continue to be apportioned.

Ms. Walker reminded members that the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 8, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in the Embassy Suites JQH Boardroom.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.