

**MEETING INFORMATION**

Date February 11, 2020  
Location Charming At The Market  
Time 6:00 PM

**DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE**

- Lawrence Sweeney
- Ivy Sweeney
- Mark Ruibal

**MINUTES**

1. Crime Stats -Officer Daniel Nevarez
  - a. Daniel went over the recent stats, robberies/thefts are up
2. Guest Speaker - Martin Cramer, Downtown Dallas Inc.
  - a. Albert Santos is managing homeless outreach, Daniel Nevarez is on DDI's homeless outreach too, along with preacher Dr. Woody (who's on DDI's payroll)
  - b. Martin went over how his group works with the Dallas Police Dept.; DDI is funded by property owners and members
  - c. Lt. Brian Cruz was introduced, he's making contacts with businesses, they do security escorts
  - d. Encouraged to use the See Say Now app - send photo and they'll check it out, they'll call DPD if cannot handle the situation, an off-duty officer works for them -first safety patrol responds, then second other officers are called for assistance, there's about a 7 minute response time
  - e. Re: panhandling/quality of life/etc. 911 calls - part of the burden is being taken on by Lt. Brian Cruz's group
  - f. A new elementary school is opening in the old UNT center across from the Main Street Garden (K-3 through 6th or 7th/8th grades) -this was an effort with Courtney Garrett that took 6-7 years to develop
3. Code Compliance -Officer Johnny Garcia
  - a. They are continuing to combat the graffiti/tagging problem - they have a graffiti consent form for property owners that's required for abatement-we are encouraged to fill it out asap after the graffiti
  - b. They are working on the homeless issues, networking with the Office of Homeless Solutions regarding encampment issues, etc. - Mr. Ninfi works this area
  - c. Becky with DDI's Clean Team - their area is inside the freeway loop, center of downtown -graffiti removed, sticker abatement, gallons of bags of trash removed, dog mess/feces piles and dead animals removed, clean up homeless messes left-they have 16 crew members working 2 shifts 6:00 am-3:00 pm weekdays, 8:00 am-7:00 pm weekends (poop and trash, homeless sleeping on property most common calls); there are 176 dog stations through the parks, they service all the parks and their bathrooms, trashes and plants
  - d. Can reach the Clean Team via See Say Now app
  - e. Daniel Nevarez emphasized that if we don't contact them through the app, they won't know about it
  - f. Re: the parking and new bike lanes issues, the person in charge was not at the meeting
  - g. Daniel said it would be the Traffic department that would be the engineers that put the confusing lanes there

4. Upcoming Events -
  - a. Julie Dee with the American Lung Assoc. - Saturday May 16 they'll be at the Market doing the Lung Force Walk, 3 miles starting at 8:00 am; they want to get 300-400 people; sponsors/participants needed
  - b. David and Charles with Noble Rey Brewery - they have a tailgate and some other events coming, to be announced
5. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm