

**MEETING INFORMATION**

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

DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE

- Lawrence Sweeney
- Ivy Sweeney
- Mark Ruibal

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Martin Cramer/DDI, Daniel Nevarez/DPD, Travis Bonick, Lisa Ferri/DFM, Lauren Davis/DDI, Johnny Garcia/City of Dallas Code, Dr. David Woody/The Bridge, Albert Sanchez/DDI, Rico Roberts, Willard's iPad, Savannah Nordstrom/DFM, Rob Robinson

MINUTES

1. Crime Stats – Officer Daniel Nevarez
 - a. Daniel went over the recent stats, overall crime is down – burglaries of motor vehicles are down 90%, robberies are up 4%, stolen vehicles are down 15%
 - b. There are crime issues around Main Street Garden
 - c. The organized car spin-outs are a dangerous problem, Daniel advised calling 911, we have an officer designated for that issue
2. Code Compliance – Johnny Garcia, City of Dallas Code Dept.
 - a. Due to the Covid19 they're working 50/50 Covid-related and other general Code cases, like vagrants, litter & such being brought in by homeless – Johnny asked us to bring that to their attention – the Clean Team has been doing clean ups around the downtown area and they're working hand-in-hand with DPD and the Office of Homeless Solutions
 - b. Re: removing homeless from private property – they have to give notice to remove them from someone's property; Johnny asked us to let them know anything they can do to help
 - c. Signage has been put in place re: Covid regulations amendments, we're on amendment #8 now (it has been a learning process), masks are encouraged but not mandatory
 - d. the most common concerns in the Farmers Market area are graffiti and homeless
3. Guest Speaker – Lisa Ferri, Dallas Farmers Market
 - a. Re: the new co-working concept coming to the Taylor Lofts building – Industrious has taken 23,000 sq. ft., construction is starting in the fall, finish should be February-March 2021, Lisa will email the information on Industrious
 - b. Oct. 1, 2020 Herdie Gerdie is opening in the old MudHen space
 - c. 8 Cloves is taking over Stocks & Bondy's space, and Lili is taking the 8 Cloves space

- d. Harvest Lofts has a new retail store coming in The merchants are doing okay, following protocols, only a few tables and chairs are currently allowed due to Covid19
- 4. 2nd Guest Speaker – Savannah Nordstrom, The Shed at the DFM
 - a. They are taking Covid precautions such as the entry station offering disposable masks, hand washing stations, vendors are spaced 10 ft. apart, etc.
 - b. No on-site prepared food is allowed, only off-site kitchen prepared foods are currently allowed, and food sampling is limited to closed-container samples
- 5. Homeless Situation – Dr. David Woody, The Bridge
 - a. Re: the influx of homeless people – per Covid restrictions, their campuses had to decrease numbers of people (formerly 800-900 were in the day shelter, now sleeping 300-325, a 20% decrease for night); the Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center opened a day shelter, so far there's no Covid-positive people, hand sanitizer stations were added; the Convention Center will close in October and move the homeless to the Wyndham Hotel off I35
- 6. Homeless Situation – Lauren Davis, Downtown Dallas Inc.
 - a. Re: engaging the homeless – they are doing outreach to relate and refer, could be 1 day or 1 month, to understand what they need to move off of the street (rehab programs, strong referrals, IDs, job placement, warm handoffs to get them off the street)
 - b. Last month they had 400 – 300 referrals were made from that – 89 of those service was received
- 7. Homeless Situation – Albert Sanchez, Downtown Dallas Inc.
 - a. Re: the homeless outreach resources being given to the homeless from the DDI team – fellowship program starting Friday, Leon from The Bridge is part of the team wearing purple t-shirts
- 8. Upcoming Events/Misc. –
 - a. Dr. Woody announced the North Texas Giving Day on September 17 – donate to your non-profit of choice (The Bridge, The Stewpot, etc.)
 - b. Rob Robinson thanked DDI for the installation of the flashing light crossing at the Pearl/Marilla intersection, but drivers don't adhere; he requested we explore putting up Pedestrian-Crossing signs in the middle of the street, should cost approx. \$300/sign
- 9. Everyone appreciated and agreed the Zoom meeting was a good meeting format
- 10. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm