

**MEETING INFORMATION**

Date November 10, 2020
Location Virtual Meeting
Time 6:00 PM

DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE

- Lawrence Sweeney
- Ivy Sweeney
- Mark Ruibal

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Johnny Garcia, Elizabeth Keeler, David Woody, Albert Sanchez, Lauren Davis, Noll Saunders, Laura Browning

MINUTES

1. DPD Representation and Code Enforcement – Johnny Garcia
 - a. Officer Daniel Navarrez was promoted to Sgt., so he will no longer be our DPD liaison. His replacement for the Farmers Market has not yet been filled
 - b. We are asked to call in service requests for situations – Ninfi Lopez is our code officer now, phone number 469-515-1132
 - c. Graffiti is still being addressed - groups of people are gathering and doing vandalism – they are working on cleaning it up, painting over it all
 - d. Homeless debris being addressed with clean up crews
 - e. Laura Brown was introduced – she was Navarrez’s supervisor (administrative role) – she will have his replacement for us soon
 - f. CBD is doing homeless sweeps; there has been aggressive panhandling around Palmieri; Laura Brown should be notified on any panhandling issues, she can get additional officer and bike cops out to the Market
 - g. There have been no spikes in crime
 - h. Albert Sanchez mentioned some shootings downtown, they are working with Sgt. Browning to get downtown building information; there was an officer-involved fatal shooting, John Fortune and Chief Castro to talk about attention to downtown, they recommend having patrol vehicles with cruise lights on, it has made a significant improvement in safety downtown
2. Homeless Assistance – Lauren Davis
 - a. The month of October was the most successful – 18 people were put in service recovery program homes (putting them with support systems/family)
 - b. They connected over 40 people with services; Samantha and Anthony give their all in service
 - c. 5 people were removed off the street yesterday; every day its getting better connecting people to resources
 - d. There has been some increase of people from evacuations, but nothing alarming

3. Homeless Situations – David Woody
 - a. Space is an issue; Covid has hurt the shelters, they are full every night. Temperatures are being taken, hand sanitizers provided by DDI; Dallas Fire & Rescue is on property, the burgeoning homeless response system is an issue
 - b. Street feeding is an issue – it's not helpful for health, cleanliness, many reasons; Tanya Reagan has reached out to them about meals being given out at the Stewpot, suggests they feed from the parking lot to get it off the street; it also helps the traffic on St Paul/Browder/Corsicana streets
 - c. They are working with Phillip on building spiritual leadership with the homeless, is helpful to the community
 - d. The Bridge was tagged after the election; the City was quick to paint over it
 - e. Their trash has been getting emptied more quickly thanks to the City
 - f. We can help by finding hotspots or individuals creating problems and getting that information to the Office of Homeless Solutions
4. 2021 Board of Directors – Lawrence Sweeney
 - a. We are looking for volunteers for the 2021 Board
5. Meeting adjourned at 6:35