

**MEETING INFORMATION**

Date March 9, 2021
Location Virtual Meeting
Time 6:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE

- Lawrence Sweeney; Ivy Sweeney; Rob Robinson; Johnny Garcia; Gail Crawford; Nick Colletti; Albert Sanchez; Rico Roberts; Shawn Hejke; Willard's iPad

MINUTES

1. Code compliance -Johnny Garcia -
 - a. They've had no code issues in our area lately
 - b. They are focusing on graffiti and working closely with the abatement team for swift action
 - c. They are working with NPO officers Hejke and the downtown area team on security
 - d. They are encouraging face masks and keeping with the laws - business owners enforce the masks rules for their patrons; code enforcement doesn't have the ability to enforce that.
 - e. For construction issues, major renovations, etc. - contact code enforcement for approval
2. Crime stats -Officer Shawn Hejke -
 - a. Offenses are down compared to last year; graffiti is up
 - b. Lieutenant Connolly with the CBD taskforce handles the tagging around downtown
 - c. Homeless issues/living conditions is a work in progress
 - d. Solar powered camera trailers are being used for criminal mischief and speeders; you can pull video within 14 days, after 14 days it goes away; no citations are issued from the video footage, it's for intelligence gathering (car type, color, plates, etc)
 - e. Re the upcoming George Floyd trial, unrest related to the verdict, DPD is taking precautions, monitoring social media, response teams are in place, etc.
3. Update on the DFM-Lisa Ferri-
 - a. Mask mandate will remain in effect
 - b. DFM met with DDI regarding safety -DDI safety will cover the DFM
 - c. Wednesday, St. Patrick's Day, is the Pearl Street Eats from 6-9pm
 - d. Friday 19th is Market Artisan products
 - e. June 1st Industrious (office sharing) is opening in the Taylor Lofts building
 - f. Former Mudhen/Hurdy Gurdy space is getting a new tenant, to be announced soon
 - g. Former Cajun Tailgators space is getting a new sushi restaurant
4. Website - Lawrence Sweeney -
 - a. Several attempts have been made for someone to handle the website, we're behind on it; it's a Wordpress/GoDaddy platform and we use the Square payment system; the storefront that was set up didn't make sense. Nick Colletti may know a tech person and will get back to us.

5. DDI Security and Clean Team update - Albert Sanchez -
 - a. Their outreach professionals have had consistent successes, they assisted 6 people getting off the street this month
 - b. Growing homeless encampments are a concern - Camp Rhonda chose Pioneer Park as a mini-zone, politically driven (Camp Rhonda is a vacant lot of homeless, and Pioneer Park is a city park which has now been put on DPD's radar due to some
 - c. 60-70 people being out there with uhauls, matching expensive tents, etc. = coordinated efforts); notices have been issued regarding litter and the clean team is working on enforcement of that; homeless tents have also been popping up around confederate monuments = coordinated efforts
 - d. They are focusing on graffiti with DPD; they have 2 officers in an unmarked van identifying taggers, with 2 officers hired to be on standby; Lisa Ferri provided a map with areas of issue so clean team can help
6. Security stats - Rico Roberts - the stats are down because of the winter storm shutting down things happening
7. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.