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Alameda Connects
MEETING MINUTES
January 10, 2023
Virtual Meeting
8:00 AM

Call to order: 8:02 AM President, Jeanine Maxey

Present: President Jeanine Maxey, Secretary Andrea Schubert, AC Executive Director Tom Quinn, Directors Doug Wells, Sue King, Kate Curtis, Febra Johnson, Amber Hills, Katie Baroway, AC Assistant Executive Director Sarah Hadsall and City of Lakewood Economic Development Liaison Katie Faltys.

Absent: Vice President Teri Romero, Director Max de La Bruyère

President Maxey encouraged all board members to bring any issues with meetings, structure, staff, and/or AC members to her attention.

Motion to approve November 8, 2022, AC Board Meeting Minutes

Amendments: Director Curtis present for November 8, 2022, AC Board meeting, Teri Romero listed as being present twice, Director King reappointed to the AC Board at the October AC Community Meeting, correct spelling of General in General Meeting.

Motion to approve Minutes as Amended: Director Wells

Second By: Secretary Schubert

Minutes Approved Unanimously

Treasurer's Report – December 2022 Financials

Executive Directors Report with ED Tom Quinn

1. AC
 - a. Event – Blarney on Belmar on Saturday March 4th from 1PM-5PM
 - b. In person January 2023 AC Community Meeting – positive turnout with 32 attendees. Working on full schedule of meeting speakers for 2023.
 - c. Small but Mighty and Make a Difference grants are open. Amounts have been reduced slightly. Full report of applicant recommendations at the February AC Board Meeting.
 - d. Finance Committee update: working on developing investment and reserves policies for both Alameda Connects and the Alameda Corridor Business Improvement District.
 - e. Working on relaunching Discover Alameda in the Spring
 - f. Landscape maintenance plan in progress for 2023.
 - g. AC/ACBID Joint Retreat on April 20th or 27th. Currently working on a location and facilitator for the 6-hour event.

Director Wells asked about the progress of the Distressed Properties Ordinance presented to Lakewood City Council and about the status of the abandoned gas station/carwash at 5950 W. Alameda Ave. ED Quinn indicated that Council has been in discussion regarding the ordinance. A study session was held on December 19th and City staff will now create a draft ordinance. Once the draft ordinance is submitted to Council, another study session will be held, then a 1st and 2nd reading. There has been some progress at



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the 5950 property. The new owners have cleaned up the space and a new perimeter fence has been installed. Current owners have submitted plans to turn the property into a carwash. Special thank you to Katie Faltys for her continued efforts in managing the progress of the property clean-up.

Membership & Outreach with AED Sarah Hadsall

1. To stay in ADA compliance with the new CO State ACBID now has a separate website from AC
2. Eaton Senior Volunteer Fair on Jan. 20th. To encourage Eaton residents to volunteer for organizations that are close to home.
3. AC attended the opening night of Camp Christmas. Handing out cookies.
4. AC attended the West Metro Chamber Holiday party. Assisting with set-up.
5. AC attended West Metro Chamber educational course on FAMLI.
6. AC helped Lakewood ED celebrate McClain Community High School students.
7. AC hosted Lakewood History Pint Night at Old 121 Brewhouse.
8. CPTED Assessments completed for Elevation Motors and the 265 S. Harlan properties.
9. AC attended the ribbon cutting at Dino Ridge.
10. Working with Lakewood Alternate Transportation for new pedestrian signage. The new signs would direct cyclists and pedestrians to the Wadsworth tunnel, Belmar Park and Belmar Shopping Center.
11. AC on the Eaton Senior Fundraising Planning Committee. Planning the Spring fundraiser and the Eaton Garden Party.
12. AC will be attending the Lakewood ED Tactical Advance.
13. AC on the Earth Day Planning Committee.
14. AC will be attending the Lakewood Leaders Mixer.

City of Lakewood Economic Development Update with Katie Faltys

1. Economic Development Matching Grants Programs are currently closed with the hope that they will reopen in February.
2. Lakewood ED will be distributing reusable bags to help residents stock up on reusable bags.
3. Lakewood Tactical Advance on February 9th.
4. Denver Start-Up Week video production is underway with interviews from previous Start-Up Week attendees.

Director Curtis asked about the progress of the Iron Gate building. Katie Faltys indicated that the building plans are for a new residential apartment complex.

Directors Updates:

Belmar Shopping Center Update

1. 20 new tenants in 2022. Current occupancy is at 90%
2. Fidelity Investments will be opening in February.
3. Lady Nomada, Coco Fresh and Stretchlab opening in late April or early May.
4. Lash & Co. opening at the end of May.
5. Stalk Market Plant Nursery will be opening at the end of February.
6. Possible tenant for the old bowling alley.
7. 40,000 attendees at the RINK in 2022.
8. Organizer hired to organize possible restart of Festival Italiano.



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9. Belmar Bazaar will be back in February.
10. Beerfest in March.
11. The Farmers Market will move to Sundays and move off the plaza and run along Saulsbury to Teller.

Amber Hills

1. Lending has slowed due to the rate environment and lag in supplies.
2. Savings rates are higher.

Sue King

1. Would like to see introductions and announcements come back to the AC Community Meetings. President Maxey agreed that AC should shift back to announcements.

Katie Baroway

1. Office Evolution staying in Lakewood.

Doug Wells

1. All solar development projects with his business have been put on hold due to lag in supply and cost.

General Business

1. President Maxey asked if the board would like to conduct an in-person board meeting. Other board members indicated that remote meetings work the best but one or two in person meetings would be acceptable.

Motion to Adjourn: Director Wells

Second by: Secretary Schubert

Adjourned – **9:01 AM**

Next AC Community Meeting: Wednesday, February 4, 2023.

Next AC Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 8:00 a.m.