



Downtown Business | Downtown Life

February 4th, 2010
General Meeting Minutes
(Unapproved draft)

Welcome and Introductions - Ken Grassi

Treasurer's Report- Marv Sandberg

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Membership Renewal Letters Sent – 5 new, 23 renewals

VP's Reports - There were no reports from the VP's for North or Central. Judi Hyman, VP South, reported Sister Cities International Film Festival starts today! Every Thursday at the Blue Mouse Theater – February 4 – April 8.

BIA/TPD Safety Report: Rob Jepson, TPD, reported in the month of January that there were: 24 Directed Policing Arrest, 119 Arrests in Sector 1 outside of Directed Policing Areas/Activities (37 Warrant Arrests), 9 Abandoned Auto Impounds, and 25 Vehicles Tagged for Impound. If you have a problem area or question – email Rob at rjepson@cityoftacoma.org. Request a complete safety report contact dmgsecretary@gmail.com.

Chelsea Levy, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber/BIA reported that the graffiti has increased in the last several months. Owners are responsible for clean up. Be aware of your surroundings and call BIA or TPD for help. Holiday decorations are down and flower baskets will be up soon. The Chamber has relinquished their contract in Tollefson Plaza. They are, however, still interested in partnership for events. The Broadway Market Committee is recruiting members! Contact Laura Edwards if you are interested.

Advocacy:

Downtown: On the Go – Julia Petersen, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce – The City of Tacoma, The Chamber and Pierce Transit have partnered to develop Downtown: On the Go! The Downtown: On the Go! Transportation Partnership is composed of executive leadership drawn from the public and private sectors working together to increase alternative mode commuting in the Downtown from 24% to 35% by 2030. A transportation plan for small business (1-100 employees) is underway. Currently there are 26 agencies, including representation from the DMG participating in the program. Contact Julia to receive the monthly newsletter or to have her present commuting options to your team! juliap@tacomachamber.org

Nomination Committee for 2010 DMG board elections – Patricia Lecy-Davis –

Nominations: President – Whitney Rhodes, North VP - Natalie Warren, Central VP – Derek Saunders, South VP – Judi Hyman,, Secretary – Paige Calhoun, Treasurer – Marv Sandburg

Community

Bringing visitors to Tacoma to Downtown Businesses, Gift bag Opportunity – Whitney Rhodes

Continuation of Craig's January presentation to bring visitors via the waterway! See Whitney to add items to the bags. There are ~80 visitors per month! Passport to Puget Sound! Congratulations to Craig and The Foss Mariana – just named National Marina of the Year!

Spaceworks Tacoma: creative use for vacant space - Chelsea Levy, Dominic Accetturo and Patricia Lecy-Davis The group initially came together with their mutual concern about too much available retail space in downtown. The Goal: Fill space with creative and active use. The hope is to create more feet on the street, attract visitors, centralize artists and market a creative downtown. Space to be provided at a temporary reduced rate – a temporary program to go to permanent uses. The plan is to put art in the windows of vacant store fronts, to have the City develop an Artist in Residence program and to use the space as a business incubator – negotiating leases with property managers.

DMG Member Spotlight – GVA Kidder Mathews, Dominic Accetturo Commercial real-estate in downtown, Hilltop, Proctor and 6th Avenue. If you have questions about your lease or about space let Dominic know! doma@gvakm.com

New Business Introductions – Smooth and Juicy – Doug Mazine Just opened on Market Street near the YMCA. They have teamed with Satellite coffee and are open 7 days a week, 6am to 9pm. They use local, organic products as often as possible to make their smoothies! Come try a Wheat Grass, Green Acres Smoothie (current favorite – all fruits and veggies!) or a Peanut butter and Jelly Smoothie!

Good of the Order

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00AM.

Thank you to the BCPA for the used of the Pantages, First Citizens Bank for coffee Jane Bell, BCPA, for treats.

Join us at 8:00am March 4th at the Pantages!