



# DAVIS DOWNTOWN

## Visioning & Community Relations Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 6th @ 9:00 AM

**Chair:** Lynne Yackzan **Co-Chair:** Shelli Ramos

**Location: Online via Zoom**

### 1. Attendance

- Board: Lynne Yackzan, Shelli Ramos, Sumei Yee
- Staff: Brett Maresca, Kendall Doten
- Attendees: Randii MacNear

### 2. Review / Approval

- December meeting minutes approved by Lynne Yackzan and Shelli Ramos
- January meeting agenda approved by Lynne Yackzan

### 3. Public Comment

- None

### 4. Beautification Subcommittee Report

- 2022/23 10K City of Davis Grant
  - Shelli Ramos would like to meet in person with the subcommittee to look at samples she received for self-watering planters and discuss colors, size/shape and pricing. We will also need to look at what locations are available.
    - Sumei Yee returns to Davis on February 1st (February 3rd is the next scheduled V&CR Committee meeting). Sumei to email her availability to Lynne and Shelli
    - Brand for planters: Urbanscape; Shelli reported that these planters are weather resistant and will last a long time
- Kiosk Updates
  - Next steps will be to look at the current kiosks and assess lighting and fliers that are currently inside
  - We need to create an updated map to put inside the kiosks because the current one is very outdated



on the agenda for city council are those who want the street opened. She also reported that there are currently only 2 city planning staff when there are usually 7, so projects like this will take awhile to complete

- Without the staff, Brett believes the best course of action is to continue bringing contractor options and proposals to the city so the contractors can be held accountable in completing projects in a timely manner
- The G Street Closure issue was brought to the city council last year because the DDBA board wanted to see the street opened. Now, we feel that the board would be in favor of keeping the street closed if strict guidelines are set with cleaning and maintenance, and with businesses being held accountable for aesthetics of the street

#### 7. Downtown Streets Team & ARP Fund Cleaning/Maintenance Update

- The Downtown Streets Team program is planned to be up and running by the end of February. DST management thinks it will take them a few months to get situated and acclimated with our downtown. Once they are ready, they want to have a ribbon cutting ceremony/celebration downtown (possibly April 2023).
- Lynne reported that the DST has weekly meetings, and that she would like to attend one in West Sacramento to get a feel for it. She will notify the committee when she plans to go.
- In the meantime, Figueroa is still contracted by the city to maintain downtown. This program ends February 28th, 2023
  - This may overlap with the start of DST; Brett to confirm this schedule
  - Lynne expressed that the DST is primarily a social service organization and may not be dedicated to downtown maintenance. While it is good to help the unhoused community, we know that Figueroa does a good job and would like to keep them active as well
  - Brett said that if we bring a specific proposal to the city, it is likely that it will be approved.
  - We need to determine the different roles of Figueroa Landscaping vs DST and come up with a plan to get the best results; we need to ask the city if they plan to renew Figueroa's contract come its expiration at the end of February

8. New Business

- None to report

9. Old Business

- None to report

10. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 10:13am
- Next meeting scheduled for February 3rd