

## RDLU Meeting Notes

March 21, 2017

WSCO Office, 209 Page Street W

Attendees: Monica Bravo, Gjerry Berquist, Hoka Miller, Carol Neumann, Karen Reid, Tess Rizzardi, Craig Willford, and Judy Delgado (La Costa owner)

Call to order 6:35 p.m.

1. Introductions were made
2. Accept notes from February last month, second. Approved.
3. La Costa Restaurant Judy Delgado (Lopez). Discussion of parking issue that is holding up licensing. Ms. Delgado actually has parking but no public access. (There is access through driving across private parking lots). The question for the committee was "How do we support her?" Any business may find themselves in the same position along this stretch of Cesar Chavez. Should we push for a variance and go with Ms. Delgado to hearings? Questions were raised on whether she could get a "Use Agreement" from Guadalupana so customers could access La Costa's parking area through Guadalupana's site. Discussion considering strategies continued. Gjerry moved to support variance request. Second. Approved (unanimous). We will send a strong letter of support for a variance and if there are community members available to attend meeting with Ms. Delgado, they should contact her.
4. Capital Deals. The business is seeking a letter of support for their STAR program application. STAR funds will be used for a new roof, new signage, and an awning. Motion was made to support Capital Deals, second, approved (unanimous). Monica will write a letter supporting their application.
5. Future Meetings at RDLU and/or special meetings
  - a. Monica is working to schedule an equity work plan meeting with James Rojas. RDLU will host. Monica will arrange the meeting and invite other groups.
  - b. Monica will arrange to have new city planners come to May meeting to discuss zoning.
6. Updates:
  - a. Craig updated committee on Wabasha reconstruction. Public works will come in April to discuss reconstruction and timing.
  - b. Need to find out alternative routes with Smith. Committee thinks Stryker may be a good alternative.
  - c. Robert Street and Wabasha Reconstruction: Need to connect with new city artist for Robert Street – viaduct -- and Wabasha (Public art may be involved). Monica will invite the City's Public Artist for an initial discussion.
  - d. Karen brought Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area report from 24 February. She will provide link to city's webpage where it's located. She has a call into Lucy about next steps for the City on the MRCCA.

- e. Winslow property split: The committee got a look at the plans for a lot split. The owner wants to build a new single family home. The lot appears big enough to split and support a new house. The committee would like to hear more about the owner's plans.
7. Carol Neumann has two questions.
- a. Notification on tree removal. Ash borer on Robert and George? How many trees coming down and what is the replacement plan.
  - b. Monica did not hear back on B&B at George. The City is looking at B&BS and Airbnb's and any requirements. Monica will do more research.
8. Other item: The Alamo Bar has had 4 different shootings since January 1st. Four houses have found bullet holes in their siding. There is a neighborhood request for a meeting on this bar and their management of patrons. The police commander flagged bar for not producing video tape. But there seems to be no consequences for shootings. There committee talked about the business responsibility for patrons' actions? How far away do patron's need to be from business? Monica will find out more about violations. RDLU will contact DSI to express concern and possible violations. Can the City do anything? What is or isn't the city doing?

Adjourned.

Next meeting is on April 18<sup>th</sup>.