

APPROVED

Downtown Providence District Management Authority

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2014

1. Roll Call

Chairman Richard Lappin called the meeting to order at 8:36

Directors present: Bert Crenca, Joseph DiBattista, Bob Gagliardi, Richard Lappin, and John Macliver.

Ex Officio Members present: Lindsey Hahn

Others present: Dan Baudouin, Executive Director of The Providence Foundation; Joelle Kanter, The Providence Foundation Program Manager; Frank LaTorre, Director of Public Space, Alison Izzi, DID Accounting Manager and Frank Zammarelli, Block by Block Operations Manager.

2. Approval of the minutes from the July 17, 2014 meeting

Director Bob Gagliardi motioned to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2014 Board Meeting. Director John Macliver seconded the motion and a roll call vote was held as follows:

Director Crenca

Director DiBattista Yes

Yes

Director Gagliardi Yes

Director Lappin Yes

Director Macliver Yes

Therefore the motion passed.

5. Report from the Director of Public Space

Frank LaTorre reported on the Kennedy Plaza bus relocation. The following actions have been taken as a result of meetings with the DID, the Providence Foundation, representatives from RIPTA and property owners along Exchange terrace to address issues relating to the relocation project: 1) Fencing has been added on Exchange Terrace 2) Private security has been hired by RIPTA 3) Litter patrols have been established with the DID implementing 4) Signs have been installed informing riders where cross walks are located 5) Bus shelters have been added in front of the Rhode Island Foundation and

along Exchange Terrace .

Bob Gagliardi stated that it is great to see the DID and the Providence Foundation stepping up and taking the lead on this effort and as a result very visible changes went into effect in a short period of time.

Frank reported that the ADA sidewalk project is still ongoing, contingent on Congress and the transit bill. The Downtown's share of the \$40 bond for repairing roads in the district could be at risk. Dan Baudouin asked the Board members for a suggest course of action, such as sending a letter to the Mayor to bring attention to this project. Dan mentioned that other improvement districts funded capital projects such as this and could be a consideration for the future.

Frank LaTorre noted that RIPTA has installed fencing on Dave Gavitt way and the trees have been pruned. He also reported that there are currently 7 gateway spots that are in need of adopt-a-spot sponsors.

6. Marketing Report

Joelle Kanter reported that the business directories are at the printers and the signage bid package is moving along and will be wrapped up in a couple of weeks.

7. Economic Development

Dan Baudouin reported on the "Move RI Forward" Coalition. The

coalition was formed to lobby for the passing of Bond Referendum #6, which will allow for the construction of a statewide Intermodal Transit Hub at the Amtrak station. The referendum will be on the ballot in November.

Dan Baudouin spoke with attorney John Boehnert, and reviewed the law regarding whether the DID is allowed to participate financially in the coalition. It was determined that as long as there is a benefit to the district, the DID is allowed to participate.

The Board reviewed the attached information on the project and determined that the project would greatly benefit the district. (See Attached Memo). The transit hub presents an opportunity to make Kennedy Plaza a great public space and also improve public transit statewide.

8. VOTE to join “Move RI Forward” Coalition

Director John Macliver motioned for the DID to join the “Move RI Forward” Coalition. Director Bert Crenca seconded the motion and a roll call vote was held as follows:

Director Crenca

Director DiBattista Yes

Yes

Director Gagliardi Yes

Director Lappin Yes

Director Macliver Yes

Therefore the motion passed.

9. VOTE to contribute \$15,000 to “Move RI Forward” Effort

Director Bert Crenca motioned to contribute \$15,000 to the “Move RI Forward” effort. Director Bob Gagliardi seconded the motion and a roll call vote was held as follows:

Director Crenca

Director DiBattista Yes

Yes

Director Gagliardi Yes

Director Lappin Yes

Director Macliver Yes

Therefore the motion passed.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Izzi

Accounting Manager

Downtown Improvement District