

Thayer Street District Management Authority

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, July 9, 2013

MEETING MINUTES

The Thayer Street District Management Authority (TSDMA) board meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.

1. Roll Call

Directors: Edward Bishop, Chair: Albert Dahlberg; David Everett; John Luipold; Susan Mardo; David Shwaery.

TSDMA Staff: Robin Remy, Executive Director

Guests: Samuel Zurier, Providence City Councilman; Commissioner Stephen Pare, City of Providence Department of Public Safety; Chief Hugh Clements, Providence Police Department; Captain George Stamatakos, Providence Police Department; Chief Mark Porter, Brown University Department of Public Safety; Lieutenant Robert Mackisey, Brown University Police; Dean Martineau, Paolino Properties.

2. Discussion and Vote on the Minutes from June 4, 2013 Board Meeting

Minutes from the June 4, 2013, board meeting were reviewed. Mr.

Shwaery motioned to accept the minutes, Mr. Luipold seconded the motion, and all directors voted in favor.

3. Discussion and Vote on Financial Report

The Financial Report for June 2013 was presented. Mr. Luipold motioned to accept the financial report, Mr. Shwaery seconded the motion, and all directors voted in favor.

4. Infrastructure Subcommittee Report

(Tabled until August 6, 2013, meeting)

5. Safety Issues in Thayer Street District

Mr. Bishop recounted past issues with security and police activity in the District. Mr. Dahlberg reported on current conditions in the District, including increased crime, graffiti, and gang presence. Chief Clements acknowledged an increase in criminal activity in the District and discussed his department's efforts to assign additional police details during peak times on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. All in attendance discussed numerous problems with businesses over-serving alcohol, exceeding seating capacity, and allowing underage drinking. In addition, all expressed concern regarding the surges of people coming into the District as their end destination after leaving earlier-closing bars and nightclubs.

The group discussed launching a show of force to alert bars, restaurants, and patrons of the intent to clamp down on crime and

zoning/licensing violations. Mr. Luipold stated that Brown University would allow TSDMA to install surveillance cameras on buildings it owns in the District; Commissioner Pare agreed that cameras are extremely helpful in identifying criminals. The group discussed concerns about shoplifting. Mr. Dahlberg suggested TSDMA invite bar and restaurant owners to a meeting to hear their concerns, inform them of this July 9 meeting with law enforcement officials, and discuss TSDMA plans for increased security. Chief Clements requested that TSDMA provide him feedback from this meeting.

Mr. Luipold made a motion that TSDMA fund a two-person police detail in the District for four hours on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, beginning in late July 2013 and running through the end of September 2013. Mr. Shwaery seconded the motion, and all directors voted in favor. Funds will come from TSDMA reserves.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.