



**U District BIA Ratepayers Advisory Board
and Annual Ratepayers Meeting Minutes**

Date: September 21, 2017

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: University Heights Center – Room 209

IN ATTENDANCE:

BIA Board Members

Kate Barr	Max Blume	David Cohan
Maureen Ewing	Lora Gastineau	Chris Giles
Randy Hodgins	Nicki Little	Nikole O’ Bryan
Maria Barrientos	Scott Soules	Mary Kay Gugerty
Aaron Hoard	Leah Haberman	

UDP Staff

Marcus Johnson	Elizabeth McCoury	Chase Landrey
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EXCUSED:

Mike McCormick

Welcome

Maureen opened the meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Public Comment

Bryant Casal, a local landlord, spoke that he appreciates the work of the UDP and their close connection to the neighborhood.

Shirley Nixon requested that the public should have longer than two minutes each to speak. She also passed out a map showing the votes for and against the creation of the BIA and proposed amendments to the bylaws.

Gregg Petrie shared his belief that current aspects of the BIA structure violate both the spirit and the letter of the law. He also expressed his desire to formally vote against the 2018 plans for the BIA.

Jorgen Bader asked to have more details included in the work plan. He then emphasized that the U District needs to do more to compete with U Village.

Cory Crocker, President of U District Square and resident of the U District, expressed his frustration with the limited scope of the survey about potential one time expenditures and mentioned that his last submission was not included in the minutes.

Brandon Coleman, a local resident, shared his support for Shirley’s revisions to the bylaws.

Mary Davis, an employee of a local church, spoke about her gratefulness for the work of the UDP and her belief that this work benefits everyone in the U District.

Doug Campbell shared his observation that community participation levels in the BIA are very low and that the governance of the organization is top heavy, lead by the University of Washington and UDPA.

He also expressed his frustration that services are not coming along fast enough and many helpful ideas were not included in the survey.

Rick McLaughlin said that small businesses and non-profits need to be better represented on the BIA board. In addition, he mentioned that more community input is necessary in the process.

Ling Chin, a local property owner, shared her appreciation for the work of the UDP and that she has seen neighborhood become cleaner and safer because of it.

Carrie Class talked about the large improvement she has seen in the U District over the prior four years. She attributes this change to the work of the UDP and hopes that it will continue.

Approve Old Minutes

Motion: Maria moved to approve the June 22nd meeting minutes with adding Aaron and Scott to attending. Max seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Approve July/August Financial Reports

Maureen presented the budget tracker and along with the July/August financials. Phil Lloyd was introduced as new person in charge of financials.

Motion: Aaron moved to approve the July/August financials. Chris seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously

2016-2017 Work Plan Progress Report

Elizabeth presented a PowerPoint on progress towards the 2016 – 2017 work plan.

2017-2018 Proposed Work Plan Presentation

Elizabeth presented the attached work plan.

2017-2018 Proposed Budget Presentation

Elizabeth presented the attached budget.

Proposed Operating Reserve Policy

Maureen presented the attached proposed operating reserve policy.

Motion: Maria moved to adopt the proposed operating reserve policy. Kate seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Proposed One Time Expenditures Presentation

Elizabeth presented the attached proposed one time expenditures.

UDBIA Ratepayer Voting Eligibility Overview

Maureen explained the voting eligibility and procedures for the upcoming advisory vote.

Vote on 2017 - 2018 Program Manager, Budget, and Work Plan

Motion: Aaron moved to recommend the proposed budget, work plan and U District Partnership as the 2017- 2018 program manager. Kate seconded the motion.

The motion passed

Vote: The U District Business Improvement Area Ratepayers voted on the recommended program manager, budget, and work plan for 2017 – 2018.

The vote passed 16 to 5.

Old Business

Maureen updated the board on the audit and a potential revision of the bylaws to include a secretary and a treasurer.

New Business

Lora presented nine resolutions to amend the bylaws for first reading.

The Meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

NEXT MEETING January 18, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.