

Bid Meeting Minutes – September 17th, 2013

Call to order: 6:10pm

In Attendance: Ken Laudon, Jeannette Phillips, John Sharp, Anthony Ruggiero, Charlie Emberger, Mike Welti, Howard Copeland, Andrew Torres, Jason Angell

- 1) **August Minutes-** Jeanette made a motion to accept the minutes of August 6th meeting, it was seconded by Howard -

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Vote</u>
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John Sharp
Jeanette Phillips
Howard Copeland
Ken Laudon

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Approved

- 2) **Monthly Budget-** Charlie handed out current budgets sheets and reviewed them with the Bid board members. There was a short discussion concerning budget items with questions that followed.
- 3) **Meeting of Paramount & Key Businesses** – Jason presented goal of meeting, which was to establish a joint promotional strategy between Paramount Theater and downtown businesses. Jeanette noted that Wilfredo Morel has been working to organize a group of downtown Latino business owners who should be invited to attend the meeting.
- 4) **Downtown Residential Zoning Issue** - Anthony reported back on a meeting between key City staff and the BID re. the downtown residential re-zoning issue and noted that an alternative approach to rezoning had been discussed: waterfront district zoning allows for both Artist Loft and open residential zoning and the downtown rezoning could adopt this approach to make City residential zoning code more efficient. Anthony noted that an upcoming Council hearing will present both alternatives to reform and gain Common Council feedback before proceeding to the public hearing process.
- 5) **Farmer’s Market-** Jason shared a draft plan to revamp the Farmers Market which included: moving the location to Pugsley Park (dependent on City approval), recruiting more food vendors, consider scheduling the Farmer’s market and Flea Market on the same day, coordinating additional programming with BID businesses and local artists, and modernizing the application process. The Farmer’s market committee agreed to organize a meeting to finalize the details of the reform plan and give guidance on draft a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Farm Market Manager.
- 6) **Key Downtown Properties for Development** – Howard started the discussion by asking how the BID can help key downtown properties gain tenants or be developed? Howard

discussed the possibility of a BID role in monitoring undeveloped/vacant space downtown and tracking square footage that's available. Anthony said that the City can keep thee BID more closely informed about properties that are slated for development. Board discussion turned towards the recent listing of John Ford's "F-Sharp" property as for sale and how it can get developed as a key space downtown.

Ken made a motion seconded by Howard to adjourn meeting-

Vote

Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50