

Riviera Village Association

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2021

8:30 AM

Virtual via Zoom Meeting

- I. Call to order – 8:33am
- II. Roll Call and Introductions – Jeff Ginsburg, Ralph Russomano, Brian Diederich, Jessica Horrell, Orlando Novoa, Allen Sanford, Brian Diederich, John Antabian, Brian Poage, Terry McGaughey, Greg Gomez. Non-Board Members: Kathleen Fisher; Sara O’Conlon; Dinah Lary, Stephen Proud, Nils Nehrenheim, Mike Klein, Bobak Nayebdadash (Riviera House)
- III. Administrative Reports
 1. Minutes from January; **Motion to approve by Terry McGaughey, 2nd Jessica Horrell -- APPROVED**
 2. Treasurers Report from John Antabian and Sara O’Conlon (see filed); **Motion to approve by Terry McGaughey, 2nd Ralph Russomano—APPROVED**; \$12,000 of Business Licensing Fees from RB received
- IV. Reporting
 1. Social Media— Kathleen Fisher.
 - A. We hit 5,000 followers on Instagram; great engagement this period.
 - B. Morgan Moore’s Widow reached out for possible monetary donations in honor of her husband to be used in the Riviera Village, Jeff in further discussions with Mrs. Moore. **Motion by Allen Sanford to add a Donation Page with a unique URL to our website; 2nd by Brian Diederich--Approved**
 2. Bobby Nayebdadash from Riviera House presents
 - A. Riviera House is very frustrated about current parklet allotment on Catalina Avenue for their restaurant. His opinion is there was no methodology in the layout from the beginning in July.
 - B. Riviera House proposes the Riviera Village BID consider a method for exception and or variance to the “50% Rule”. They only want ‘one more row’.
 - C. They will consider building on the Avenida del Norte side, but this is the “cleanest solution” for them as “everyone wants to sit on Catalina”.
 - D. Riviera House left the meeting and discussion ensued about possible resolutions, including moving all the way in front of Crème de la Crepe, moving handicap space on corner somewhere else and building a new parklet on Avenida del Norte. Greg Gomez spoke with Mike Klein about removing the handicap space. Mike advised Riviera House could not move it since this space was part of the restaurant’s approval with the city. The parklet rules were discussed and no changes were made to allow for a variance for Riviera House to exceed the 50% rule and move further in front of Crème de la Crepe.
 - E. The board agreed the best option was was to allow them to use the adjacent street parking spaces next to their restaurant (on Avenida del Norte) for a parklet at their expense.
 3. Matty’s Crawdaddies
 - A. They have received their third and final warning for the violation of the parklet rules, LA County Health Department rules and violation of the Redondo Beach permit rules. As agreed last meeting this meant the board would hold a vote for revocation for their usage of the parklet.
 - B. The Board decided to give Matty’s Crawdaddies one final chance after Jeff Ginsburg agreed to contact him about the decision. **Motion by Terry McGaughey to automatically revoke Matty’s usage of the parklet with any further violations of the rules. There will be no more warning and it is automatic. Orland Novoa 2nd. Jeff Ginsburg abstained from voting. Motion—APPROVED.**
 4. Parklet Rent

- A. The committee measured all areas of the original parklets and will present a new rental amount per business based on square footage. This new rental structure will be presented to the board for a vote.
- 5. Parklet Continuance
 - A. **Motion by Allen Sanford to form a recovery subcommittee which is self-nominating; 2nd by Brian Diederich—Approved.** Orlando Novoa, Ralph Russomano and Jeff Ginsburg nominated themselves.
- 6. City Reporting
 - A. Mike Klein reiterated what a great job we are doing with the parklets and how we all have a great thing going down here. We must 'keep it together.'
 - B. Nils would like to see this program continue permanently but we have a long way to go; we will have to present to the Coastal Commission; keep police calls for service to a minimum, etc. Nils also suggests we do a pilot program where we shut down Catalina for a short time while we still have our special permit.

Ralph Russomano motion to adjourn at 10:46am; 2nd by Terry McGaughey--APPROVED