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DECEMBER 21, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: David Boring, Bart Barringer, Steve Rank, Tom Slater, Brad Morad, Tammy Maisetti, Susie Fagundes, Don Phillips

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: Norma Reed

MODESTO POLICE DEPARTMENT: Lieutenant Brandon Gillespie

STAFF: Nancy Young

The Downtown Improvement District Board of Director's Meeting was called to order by Chairman David Boring at 12:18 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Steve Rank moved to approve the November 16, 2016, minutes as modified at the request of Josh Bridegroom. Bart Barringer seconded. Unanimous approval.

CORRESPONDENCE – Staff reported all correspondence has been delivered.

MATTERS FOR THE GOOD OF DOWNTOWN

Gallo Center for the Arts – No Report

Downtown Modesto Partnership – No Report

Downtown Safety and Merchant Watch – Lieutenant Gillespie reported that a Sports Bar is opening on J Street between 9th and 10th Streets. They will use the ground level only.

Commonwealth will be opening a new restaurant on 12th Street between I and J Streets. No hard alcohol will be served.

Board Members asked about the transient issue. New faces are being seen. Now that the weather is cold, they are coming out of the woodwork.

The Berberian Property will be used as an Access Center beginning in March or April of next year. This Access Center can handle forty people at the same time.

Susie Fagundes asked about the Fat Cat property. It was mentioned that when they hold meetings/services there, the young people are extremely disruptive. They are screaming out in the street at the mid-block crosswalk, causing vehicles to stop. They are singing loudly while

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Downtown Safety and Merchant Watch Continued - standing out on the sidewalk. Lieutenant Gillespie will have Sergeant Ciccarelli visit them and inform them not to be disruptive.

David Boring explained that if people are terribly disruptive, they are creating a bad vibe on the neighbors.

Bart Barringer believes we let the Sergeant speak to them first, and then Downtown Modesto Partnership can meet with them if the disruptive behavior continues.

David Boring inquired if there is a time limit per person at a temporary shelter. Lieutenant Gillespie stated to stay at a temporary shelter, a person needs to be open to their services. Two (2) people are allowed per Tough Shed. Fresno, San Francisco, Yuba City and other cities are using this program. There is nothing religious involved in staying at the proposed temporary shelter. The organizers are looking for a non-profit to run it.

Steve Rank asked about security at the proposed temporary shelter. Lieutenant Gillespie recommended security cameras, an emergency access area, and private security personnel.

David Boring stated a person needs to want to get out of being homeless. Lieutenant Gillespie reported that the organizers are getting housing groups together to help with this facility. Tom Slater stated the facility needs to be drug and alcohol free. David Boring mentioned that this facility will truly be transitional. Lieutenant Gillespie reported that the organizers are trying to target the population who want help. Tammy Maisetti stated she often offers the homeless food in exchange for work.

Lieutenant Gillespie reported the new jail will open in June of 2017 at the Public Safety Center.

New Business – Bart Barringer will visit the Law Office of Hada L. Fernandez and David Boring will visit Lanexus.

Celebration of Lights Parade/Rockin' Holidays – Staff reported that the parade was successful. Many families came out for the parade. Brad Morad stated there were big spaces between entries. Staff explained the committee is aware of that issue and will work on it for next year. Rockin' Holidays and the Tree Lighting was very successful in the Plaza with snow, music and Santa.

Amgen Tour of California – Amgen will be here for a start location on Monday, May 15, 2017.

Downtown Pots – Staff reported she had met with the Garden Club and suggested they contact Josh Bridegroom at Downtown Modesto Partnership and discuss if maybe they could help fund the watering of the downtown pots. The pots will all remain on the streets for now.

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MATTERS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA

Susie Fagundes mentioned the Foto Modesto Show during the month of February. Various locations will have local artists displaying their work. Susie believes this event is an amazing grass root event. Staff mentioned that we will have a display in our office.

David Boring mentioned the Art Walk does not have as many visitors. Never Boring is participating for the first time and believes the same small group drops by every month. Susie Fagundes stated that it is not a good retail crowd that attends. For example, the visitors come in and look around, eat and rarely make a purchase. Tom Slater believes the Art Walk should take place four (4) times per year, not monthly.

ISSUES THAT NEED DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT SUPPORT

None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

1:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Young