

# MINUTES

JULY 17, 2019

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Susie Fagundes, Tammy Maisetti, David Boring, Bart Barringer, Brad Morad, Steve Rank

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Joe Muratore, Lauren Trevino, Tom Slater

**MODESTO POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Sergeant Mike Hammond, Officer Clarkson Bradford, Officer Jack Hoke

**GUESTS:** Jaylen French, Josh Bridegroom, Reggie Rucker, Shy Lloyd

**STAFF:** Nancy Young

The Downtown Improvement District Board of Director's Meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Boring at 12:15 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Susie Fagundes explained that she wanted to amend the June 19, 2019, minutes to note that she asked if the laws are different for vagrants and/or homeless, because Officer Harris used those labels earlier in the discussion. Tammy Maisetti seconded. Unanimous approval.

## **MATTERS FOR THE GOOD OF DOWNTOWN**

**Gallo Center for the Arts Report** - David Boring reported that Doug Hosner had asked him to report that Gallo Center for the Arts are putting on a ton of shows.

**Downtown Modesto Partnership Report** – Josh Bridegroom introduced his Office Manager Shy Lloyd. Josh stated that Shy joins the other Downtown Modesto Partnership employees who are passionate about making our downtown community great.

Josh distributed June by the numbers,

Pounds of Trash Collected: 19,725  
37

Business Interactions: 431  
63

Homeless Referred to Services: 5  
258

Anti-Social Behavior Abated: 31  
226

Patrons Referred to Businesses/Services: 2  
Serviced: 824

Graffiti Spots Removed:

Calls for Service:

Homeless Engagements:

Patron Interactions:

Rank Security Calls

Josh and Reggie Rucker reported on the following items the Downtown Modesto Partnership is working on: Pilates on the Green and Brunch, First Friday Event, The Downtown Visioning Project, Public Transit Crawl, Starlings and Metal Electrical Covers for the plugs around downtown.

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**Downtown Merchant Watch Group Report** – Sergeant Hammond introduced downtown’s two (2) new Officers Clarkson Bradford and Jack Hoke of the Homeless Engagement Unit. Downtown will have the Bicycle Patrol and Walking Enforcement. The horses will also be around downtown.

The officers are working with Rank Security and Downtown Modesto Partnership.

Sergeant Hammond explained there are no stats for this meeting, but he will have stats by the next meeting.

Sergeant Hammond also discussed that in his opinion there should be a decrease in crime downtown, but lately there has been an increase. People keep coming into town. The downtown officers will make sure when they are engaging with someone to find out where they are from. There is always a chance they can be sent back and reunited with family.

Tammy Maisetti asked about minors living at MOE’s. The Officers explained the CPS (Child Protective Services) and other organizations are going into the area regularly and checking on the minors. Tammy believes we are not taking very good care of our own.

Sergeant Hammond has taken some of the minors into meetings at the Police Department that are for minors.

Brad Morad asked how many minors are in the MOE’s housing. Sergeant Hammond reported approximately six (6) to ten (10) minors.

It was mentioned that the people we see downtown are the real homeless who don’t want to receive any help. It is not illegal to be crazy.

David Boring stated it is too bad AB47 didn’t build something in the bill about continuous offenses.

Jaylen French asked about the broken windows at 12<sup>th</sup> and J Streets. There was no information on this subject.

David Boring stated that most of our issues downtown have been long on-going issues. David also mentioned that we do have an abundance of services here in Modesto for the Homeless.

**Resignation Letter – Lauren Trevino** – Staff reported that she had not received a resignation letter from Lauren Trevino. Staff will contact her again. David Boring asked if Staff thought it might help if he or one of the board members contacted Lauren. Staff requested that she try again before David or a board member contacts her.

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**MATTERS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA**

Jaylen French went over the timeline for the Downtown Master Plan. He reported Measure L Funds used only where it is legal.

It was asked if any part of this Downtown Master Plan will revisit J Street. Jaylen stated that J Street will be revisited.

Susie Fagundes asked about the underground utilities/infrastructure being looked at. Jaylen responded that the utilities/infrastructure will be looked at and addressed.

It was mentioned that the City of Modesto needs to figure out what they will do with the one hundred year old underground pipes.

**ISSUES THAT NEED DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT SUPPORT**

David Boring reported that they are moving along with the Visioning Plan for the Downtown Improvement District. Some Board Members have met with the City Council, and they will be meeting with City Manager Joe Lopez next week. Staff has been made aware of the timeline, and Board is moving along with their plans.

**ADJOURN**

1:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Young

