

BELLTOWN UNITED

Minutes of December 17, 2021

Approval of Board Retreat Summary – M/S/P – Valerie & Greg.

Belltown United Presents Events: Tom want to produce a joint BU presents event with BCC around the Battery Portal. Wants to do this in January. Some of the update will be \$500,000 to build out the porch. Bell Street Park extension and potential SCL parking lot for Western & Blanchard trade will also be discussed. (BCC has approved this arrangement for either January or February, 2022) Grandstand overlook is being looked at for design.

Battery Portal Update: Planted wildflower seeds funded by the MID on Dec 9.

Murals/Storefront activation:

Funding to do more murals with Asis – Ace Hotel & 5th & Wall. Tom said he would discuss the condition of the Rite Aid building site. Jon proposed that Aaron Asis become Artist in Residence and that BU & BCC needs to do this. Commented that Buster has been an AIR over the years. Aaron doesn't need this but that we need to do this to recognize his great works. Suggested a two (2) year term who would become a Board Member at Large. New artist chosen each year. Jon said Aaron would be honored with this. M/S/P – Jon & Gregg.

Bell Street Park: Horrible was the consensus. MID is saying Parks you have failed and we want to partner with you and do a better job. No money required from neighborhood says letter. M/S/P Val & Greg to add our name to letter.

Business Council: JR said that he would help. BT art walk. Want to get approval to build a better Belltown Business Council in cohesion with BU Board.

Administrative items: (a) Grant applications (1) OED Grant for \$100,000 – Fed funds. Tom looked at grant – safety, activate to fill community buildings, support local businesses – Tom says this is everything that we do already. Tom wants this – can use it to pay staff & to pay Steve to train staff. Have exec meeting each month around this OED grant. A working group made up of people from Board. \$40,000 can be used for general admin functions. Motion to accept grant – M/S/P David & Valerie. (2) DON Community Partnership fund – didn't get but can resubmit and likely to get. (b) Finances - \$8,600. Not much outstanding. (c) Board Insurance is \$2,000 for the policy. We need \$200 from each member of the Board. David will look over the policy. Tom said he would send \$200 bill to everyone on the Board for membership. (d) Newsletter – there will be no December newsletter or maybe just a highlight of pictures from the year. (e) Increase Board Size – need an Exec committee. Need more people and people who are willing to work. Greg stated that he is resigning from the Board as of December 31, 2021.

Administrative Search: Program Coordinator. 28 people and reached out to 13. Still working it.

Steve Horvath: He is demanding his back pay. He refused to meet with Sally Bagshaw to mediate the dispute. Might have \$13,000 by end of year. Tom says he deserves the money and there will still be money owed. Another item is that Steve made a request to MID for a lot of information under BU's name. MID is asking for clarification as to whether this is a request by Steve or by BU. Need to vote that this was not made by BU. M/S/P Jon & Greg.

M/S/P to end meeting.

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