

BKBIA BOARD MEETING – September 23, 2021  
MINUTES

Board met via Zoom  
Called to order: 9:04am  
Adjourned: 10:02am

**9:04am** – Anthony Wingfield called the meeting to order

- Present on the call:
  - Anthony Wingfield, President
  - Norm Cauntay, Vice President
  - Bill Larson, Secretary
  - Crystal Rogers, Treasurer
  - Anthony Puente
  - Kris Allen
  - Aaron Hovis
  - Servando Orozco
  - Brian Savala
  - Cheryl Jacobs, Community Liaison
  - Andrea Testa, Community Liaison
  - Blair Cohn, Executive Director, BKBIA
  - Myra Pimentel, Project Manager, BKBIA
  - Sean Bernhoft, CD7
  - Jonathan Kraus, CD8
  - Excused absence:
    - Kris Allen
    - Jeff Beasley

## Agenda:

- **Welcome & Introductions**
- **Approval of Minutes from August 26, 2021**
  - Bill made a motion to approve.
  - Aaron seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously
- **Public Comment**
  - No public comment was given

## Council Reports:

Sean Bernhoft (CD7) reported: 76.8% of residents have at least one dose of a vaccine; Bars, distilleries, breweries, wineries will now ask patrons for proof of vaccination before entering; Big issue of dumping at Orange & Carson, former thrift store location, CD7 helping to fix the issue; Foasberg Cleaners had lots of tagging and cracked windows. Most of the tagging is now gone; Hispanic Heritage Month celebrated at the libraries; First Youth Festival set for Houghton Park; Daisy Lane Parade now a mobile vehicle parade on December 11.

Jonathan Kraus (CD8) reported: The redistricting process is happening, individuals can submit proposals to the Commission; Commander Zseibel has a community meeting scheduled via Zoom; Pow! Wow! Long Beach starts next week and will be repairing the mural under the train tracks at Del Amo and Atlantic.

## Committee Reports:

- i. **Security & Code Enforcement Report** – Blair covered these issues in the E.D. Report. LBPD provided incident report. CSI continues to patrol in its best capacity to address any/all hot spots and respond to member calls.
- ii. **Project Manager Report** – Myra reported: Donor program; Business features (National Black Business Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, retail profiles are up next; Expo rental application needs final board review, African American Cultural Center is now a tenant; updates on Knights of the Round (Turn)Table, Kidical Mass, First Fridays; summary of social media followers (IG 19,991; Facebook 18,963 combined pages; 7,000+ in BK Community Facebook page)
- iii. **Executive Director's Report** – Blair reported: BKBIA has begun pursuing new revenue streams per the August board meeting, Commune Communication will assist with member outreach and potential boundary

expansion efforts; PUMA consultants cannot pursue a PBID study due to being overcommitted. Seeking other consultants to help with study; Expo Arts Center application update; Security Patrols, cut in half for the time being due to budgets. Will be restored after bridge funding at “relief” funds are received; Care Closet LB providing Clean Team services during the week and doing a great job; Submitted final RDA invoice to Economic Development for reimbursement, \$70K total; needing additional help in the office and staff has asked Tom Underhill to come in on occasion to help with small tasks, Kelly Bray also assisting where needed; Member outreach remains a priority with daily/weekly emails, pursuing a Bixby Business Breakfast; BKBIA asked for donations from a few businesses for the Brown family whose son had been attacked on a bus by a person experiencing homelessness.

**b. Old Business – BKBIA Future and RDA funding replacement**

- i. Follow up status on list of revenue streams to pursue; information was shared during E.D. Report.

**c. New Business – Filling Vacant Atlantic Avenue Board Position**

- i. Anthony presented that a board position was vacated when Mike Mora resigned. The Executive Committee discussed the need to have a restaurateur on the board. Anthony proposed having Bjoern Risse, owner of Wood & Salt Tavern and Rasselbock (and local resident) fill the position. He would be a great resource on the board.
  1. Bill Made a motion to have Bjoern Risse appointed to the board and fill the vacant Atlantic Avenue position.
  2. Aaron seconded the motion.
  3. Motion passed unanimously.

**d. Adjournment**

1. Aaron made a motion to adjourn at 10:02am
2. Bill seconded the motion.

**Next board meeting: Thursday, October 28, 2021**