CIA Board Meeting Minutes, July 11, 2019

Dark Horse Inn

Attendees:

President, John Stachnick                                Chris Dillon

Vice President, Mel Noguera                                Ken Meisle

Treasurer, Renee Anderson                                Andy Melomet

Secretary, Mary Gayle (MG) Thomas                 Jane Merschen

The July board meeting opened at 6:40pm.

Security camera update: John Stachnick has gathered enough sign-ups from potential buyers in the neighborhood to be able to negotiate a discounted price. He spoke with a rep at one company, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and will also contact another company, Blink. One issue to resolve is collecting money so that we can write a check for the purchase.

311: John reported that use of 311 in our district is relatively low, but our attempts at participation in a “311 Day” hasn’t gotten much response. How do we encourage people to use this service more?

Mayor’s Office: John met with Emma \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the mayor’s office. She said that Mayor Breed had walked through part of our district and was disappointed in what she saw. However, there is funding for a new \_\_\_\_\_\_ project (not the one with EAG). Renee will be working on that project.

There is also a new project focused towards the Chinese-American community.

In addition, Andrea \_\_\_\_\_ of the Dark Horse Inn, got a grant for a project.*(brief description? I couldn’t hear her.)*

Community Benefit Districts: The CBD program is managed by the SF Office of Economic and Workforce Development. From their website: *Once an area has voted to establish a CBD, local property owners are levied a special assessment to fund improvements to their neighborhood. The funds are administered by a non-profit organization established by the neighborhood.* John has asked that someone from the SFOEWD come to a future meeting.

Business Corridors Inventory: John asked for help in compiling an inventory, especially along Mission Street; he already has a lot of info on Geneva. The inventory will document if buildings are residential or commercial, if businesses are open or shuttered, and what condition the buildings are in overall. MG and Jane will plan a Saturday or two to gather info on Mission Street, roughly from Geneva to Sickles.

Fire hydrants and trash cans:  Held a follow-up conversation about the poor condition of several fire hydrants and trash cans in the area. It was suggested that we could enlist local artists, like the new Youth Art Exchange, to paint/decorate the large public trash cans. John also suggested holding a contest between schools where they would decorate trash cans in their area and we would offer some kind of prize for the winner(s). We will have to find out about painting of fire hydrants, whether that’s something the Fire Department would allow or if there’s another way to get them cleaned or repainted.

CIA Newsletter: It was agreed that we need to revive the newsletter. Chris and MG will meet to start work on that.

Block Parties/Other Events:  John will plan a Halloween block party on his block.

Another suggestion was to have a neighborhood resilience fair sometime, possibly in Cayuga Park.

Symphony Tickets: The symphony offered us discount tickets again for Sept. 5. We will buy 32 tickets at $12 each. Renee wrote a check for that payment and Chris will place the order.

Upcoming meetings:

Guests have been invited to upcoming meetings, but not confirmed yet: someone from the Mayor’s office, someone from Recology, and from the Office of Economic and Workplace Development. Mel suggested that we also invite someone from the DMV to talk about Real ID.

Next membership meeting will be Saturday, July 20, at the Addis Kidan Church, 2525 Alemany.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Submitted by:

Mary Gayle Thomas, Secretary

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