

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TWEEDY MILE ADVISORY BOARD

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019

6/3/2019 - Minutes

Call To Order/Roll Call

CALL TO ORDER The regular meeting of the Tweedy Mile Advisory Board was called to order by Carmen Avalos, City Clerk at 5:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE Joshua Barron, Vice Chairperson

ROLL CALL Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

Roll Call

PRESENT Chairperson Melissa Alvarado, Vice Chairperson Joshua Barron, Board Member Maribel Chaidez and Jackie Acosta, Director of Administrative Services

ABSENT Board Member Jan Hicks and Board Member Minerva Rodriguez

Meeting Compensation Disclosure

1. Tweedy Mile Association Bylaws

The Advisory Board received and filed the Tweedy Mile Association Bylaws by motion of Vice Chairperson Barron and seconded by Board Member Chaidez.

2. FY 2017/18 Budget And Financial Report On BID Funds

The Advisory Board:

1. Reviewed and discussed the Tweedy Mile Association's financial report and backup documentation.
2. Provided any other direction deemed appropriate.

Director Acosta stated this financial report was first received during the Advisory Board's second meeting and not all of the backup documentation was provided. We requested additional information, including copies of the front and back of the cancelled checks. Not all documentation was provided. She will be contacting the Tweedy Mile Association (TMA) regarding the missing documentation.

Vice Chairperson Barron's understanding from their last meeting was that all the fees being paid are related to the assessment money. Discussion was also had regarding the multiple accounts. TMA tries to keep the Bank of America account for most of their expenses (Vice Chairperson Barron thought this account was for the assessment fees) and the Wells Fargo account was for special needs or anything that had to do with their larger events.

Vice Chairperson Barron is questioning paying expenses from both accounts.

Ms. Bates, TMA treasurer stated that as of July they are no longer using the Wells Fargo account. That

money is in reserves and they are using the Bank of America account.

Director Acosta asked who the check signers from Bank of America are.

Ms. Bates said Rene Ornelas and herself, but they actually need three signers.

Chairperson Alvarado asked who the check signers according to the bylaws are.

Ms. Bates stated President, Vice President and Treasurer.

Greg Martinez, Board Member considered Tweedy Mile Advisory Board's recommendation to the TMA that they isolate the BID money, but if there is a better recommendation from the Advisory Board, so that the TMA can better serve Tweedy Mile's merchants and move forward they are open to it.

Greg Martinez also stated that City Hall does not have multiple checking accounts. City Hall uses one bank account.

Vice Chairperson Barron's recommendation to TMA is that they run their organization in a way that is easy for Ms. Bates so Ms. Acosta does not have to wait three (3) months for documentation. If TMA can do that, then maybe they should use one bank account.

Director Acosta stated City Hall does co-mingle the City's money in one bank account. The City has twenty-three (23) special revenue funds which are restricted money. Those funds can only be used for specific purposes. The City has a financial accounting software which shows the expenditures by their source and what restricted fund they belong to.

Vice Chairperson Barron confirmed that four items are missing.

Ms. Bates stated that Wells Fargo would provide copies of three checks free of charge and then after that charge \$3.00 a check. There was communication between Ms. Bates and Wells Fargo. The bank will see if they can provide copies of checks free of charge.

Vice Chairperson Barron motioned to continue this item to the next meeting pending the documentation requested and seconded by Chairperson Alvarado.

3. Request For Additional Information From The Tweedy Mile Association

The Advisory Board:

1. Reviewed and discussed the documents provided by the Tweedy Mile Association.
2. Provided any other direction deemed appropriate.

Director Acosta gave a brief presentation on this item.

Vice Chairperson Barron asked for confirmation that the president nominates a chairperson for each committee and then gets voted upon by the board.

Ms. Bates stated, "Yes."

Vice Chairperson Barron asked if the people that the president nominates not get approved to be chair.

Ms. Bates stated, "Not in the last two years."

Director Acosta asked Ms. Bates if she can inform the Advisory Board who is a resident and who is not.

Ms. Bates stated, "Yes."

Director Acosta read the names of the Board Members:

Evan Greenspan

Ms. Bates stated, "No."

Rene Ornelas

Ms. Bates stated, "Yes."

LaVerne Bates

Ms. Bates stated, "No."

Veronica Gardea

Ms. Bates stated, "Yes."

Jacque Stewart

Ms. Bates stated, "No."

Greg Martinez

Ms. Bates stated, "Yes."

Bash Chaundrey

Greg Martinez stated, "No."

Humberto Baez

Greg Martinez stated, "Yes."

Hector Moreno

Greg Martinez is not sure. He believes Mr. Moreno is a South Gate resident.

Bishop Mendez

Greg Martinez stated, "Yes."

Refugio Melendez

Greg Martinez does not know. Ms. Bates believes Mr. Melendez is a South Gate resident.

Ismael Diaz

Greg Martinez stated, "Yes."

Director Acosta stated that it is a requirement for the TMA to have a percentage of the board be residents.

Greg Martinez stated TMA exceeds the 10% requirement.

Vice Chairperson Barron asked Mr. Martinez how long he has been the Street Fair Chair.

Greg Martinez stated being nominated by Angel Colon that was two years and then he served after Evan for two more years, one with Sylvia and one with Evan again, making it six (6) years.

Chairperson Alvarado motioned to continue this item to the next meeting pending the documentation requested and seconded by Vice Chairperson Barron.

4. Minutes

The Advisory Board approved the Regular Meeting minutes of April 1, 2019, by motion of Vice Chairperson Barron and seconded by Chairperson Alvarado.

Director Acosta does not think the sentence "The City cannot tell a private company how to run and the City cannot get into the affairs of the Tweedy Mile Association because the merchants have asked the City to do that" was the point City Attorney Salinas was trying to make.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk will review City Attorney Salinas' comments and make amendments as needed.

Comments From The Audience

Greg Martinez read a post from Facebook regarding the Tweedy Mile Street Fair and the businesses along the Street Fair route. Then he added that a comment was made on the post by Vice Chairperson Barron that was an attack on Mr. Martinez's past with the organization. He felt this was a direct attack on his character.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk stated that the City Attorney did go over the Brown Act with the Board Members. Anything that is pertaining to City business that is posted on Social Media becomes part of possible litigation and part of the public record. Again, she reminded board members on either side that if you take a position that you represent a Council Member, please be mindful of the statements that you make on social media.

Chairperson Alvarado requested that Ms. Acosta have TMA provide information to the board on the programs provided to local businesses and how the TMA represents all businesses on Tweedy Mile that are related to the BID funding.

Vice Chairperson Barron requested that the presentation that was given by the City Attorney at the last meeting be part of the minutes.

Ms. Avalos said that she would contact the City Attorney to see if the presentation is available.

Comments From The Board Memebers

Vice Chairperson Barron asked if the window replacement program is part of the BID funding.

Ms. Acosta answered that it is not. It is a part of the CDBG Funds.

Adjournment

Chairperson Melissa Alvarado motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m., seconded by Vice Chairperson Barron. The next meeting of the Tweedy Mile Advisory Board will be on July 1st at 5:00 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED this 9th day of September, 2019.