

Church Street Marketplace District Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
May 16, 2018

CSM Commissioners Present: Jeff Nick, Jed Davis, Lorre Tucker, Linda Magoon, Michael Ly, Lara Allen, Buddy Singh, Marc Sherman

CSM Staff Present: Ron Redmond, Jenny Morse, Maggie Stevens

Visitors: Charlie Sizemore (Taco Gordo), Beth Anderson (CAO), Mayor Miro Weinberger

- I. COME TO ORDER
- II. AGENDA
- III. PUBLIC FORUM
- IV. LICENSE TRANSFER REQUEST Request to transfer license from Taco Gordo to Cart Blanche
  - a. Motion to approve: Lorre; Second: Lara, Motion passes
- V. COMMISSIONERS CORNER:
  - a. Jed Davis: Request for update from DPW regarding parking garage
  - b. Lara: Request for update from DPW regarding parking garage stairwell,
  - c. Lorre: Construction is very disruptive to the average female customer
  - d. Michael: Meeting with PUMA, off Church Street businesses envy CSM maintenance services, validation for expanding, comments regarding safety at night
  - e. Buddy: Marketing AND maintenance services – what will the cost be?
    - i. RON: In the future, CSM to require lifts to be removed on the weekends.
  - f. Linda: Public bathrooms? Signage directing to GMT bathrooms.
- VI. FINANCIAL REVIEW
  - a. FY 18 UPDATE
    - i. Project Ending FY 18 about \$3,000 ahead
    - ii. Postponing brick repair in front of Ken’s Pizza
- VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COMMON AREA FEES
  - a. Committed to keeping fees flat through CityPlace Burlington construction.
  - b. Commission confused on where the indirect fees are coming from. Is there a way to keep the fees predictable?
  - c. Commission recommends increase in interfund transfer from \$11k to \$21,400.
- VIII. FY19 Budget presentation by Ron Redmond
  1. Reduce operating costs to be a more attractive partner for expansion
  2. Sustain vibrant retail sector
  3. Generate new opportunities for sponsorship
  4. Change the culture of giving on Church Street to address concerns about panhandling.
  5. Address Church Street’s aging brick surfaces
    - Discussion on how City could assist in “special features” of Church Street. What are the “special features”? Buddy: We can’t look at it as expenses, we need to look at it as investment that will generate future revenue.
    - Motion to approve: Marc; Second: Buddy; Motion passes
- VIII. Update from Mayor Weinberger
  - FY19 City budget does not raise property taxes, does not cut staff or programs, triple amount of paving and sidewalk rebuilding.

- Landlords have never had so much trouble renting apartments – good news! Decline in rental prices.
- Decline in property crime, violent crime. Foot patrols are working. Increase to 105 sworn officers – addition is to add more foot patrols in the downtown and North Street. Calls for service have declined.
- Opioid crisis – 2018 will be a year of progress. Recognizes opioid crisis affects retail theft.
- Resolution passed to send to Charter Change committee regarding CSM accessing City Capital Budget.
- How will the two charter change initiatives coincide?
- Mayor is supportive of BIDs and an expanded district but unclear of how it would provide services. Interested in Marketplace expanding to include rate payers around City Hall Park. Thinks an incremental expansion may make sense.

VIII. Annual Review of Executive Director

- Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.
- Motion- Michael; Second – Buddy. Motion passes
- Motion to come out of executive session – Buddy. Second – Michael Ly. Motion passes
- No action taken

XI. ADJOURN 11 AM