

# Downtown Glendale Association Board of Directors Meeting Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. 100 N. Brand Blvd., 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room Glendale, CA 92013

### AGENDA

- 1. Introductions President Rick Lemmo
- 2. Announcements, public comment
- 3. Approval of Minutes:

a.	August 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2019 meeting	Action Item
b.	September 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2019 meeting	Action Item
C.	October 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2019 Annual Board meeting minutes	Action Item

### 4. City Update on current projects:

- a. Sidewalk Vending Ordinance status
- b. New Trash receptacles
- c. Parking district changes
- d. Newsrack status
- e. Greater DGA Annual report to the City Council
- f. Business openings, new development

### 5. Committee Reports –

### (Executive Committee) - Rick Lemmo

- a. Review of YTD FY 19 rough draft budget, estimated carry forward
- b. Approval of 2020 FY budget in January
- c. Annual report distribution
- d. Update on Glenoaks frontage issue, recommendation from staff Action Item

### (DISI) – Helen McDonagh

- a. Bridge Link/Placemaking investigation timeline
- b. Upcoming holiday events

c. Updated logo - pending

### (SOBO) - Randy Stevenson

- a. DMS report Nick Lemmo
- b. Need to report impact of sidewalk vendors to PD and City in writing
- c. Other

### 6. Next Board meeting:

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## Downtown Glendale Association Board of Directors Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. 100 N Brand Blvd, Basement/6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, Glendale, CA 91203 www.downtownglendale.com

Present:

Rick Lemmo, Joseph Stitick, Helen McDonagh, Raul Porto, Nicole Dedic, Randy

Stevenson, Jennifer Hiramoto, Steven Sayers

Absent:

None

**Guests:** 

Mark Newborg, Ivet Samvelyan, Danny Carver, Kiara Banks, Alfred Hernandez,

Patrick Magtoto, Alex Khatchaturian, Luis Pasache, Tad Dombroski

Staff:

Marco Li Mandri, Nick Lemmo, Ryan Huffman

### Minutes:

Item	Discussion	Action Taken?
1. Introductions	Rick Lemmo called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.	No Action Taken
2. Approval of the May 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2019 meeting minutes	The Board of Directors reviewed the May 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2019 meeting minutes.	Nicole moved and Randy seconded the approval of the May 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2019 minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.
3. Public Comments and Announcements	Rick opened the floor for public comments and announcements: a. Alex Khatchaturian, a property owner in the district explained that he has a safety issue on the North side of Glenoaks. He requested assistance with adding streetlights to help make it safer.	No Action Taken

4. Set Annual Nominations Meeting date, review of letters and forms	Marco explained the guidelines for the annual nominations process. The Board reviewed the letter and forms that will be mailed out to all property owners.	Helen moved and Raul seconded the motion to mail out the forms and letter with an updated Annual Meeting date of October 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2019 at 10:30am. The motion was approved unanimously.
5. Update on Current	Marco and the Board reviewed the	
Projects	following updates with the committee:	
a. Parking Study	Tad with the City of Glendale passed out a flyer for an upcoming community meeting on August 28 <sup>th</sup> , at 6:00pm to review the Downtown Parking Analysis report. Marco will be working with Jennifer and Tad on how parking impacts the districts.	No Action Taken
b. Grant requesting	Marco explained that he will be	No Action Taken
for new trash	conducting a walkthrough with DMS staff,	
receptacles,	City staff, and Public Works to discuss the	
walkthrough	need for new trash receptacles and ideas	
	on making the district pedestrian friendly.	
c. City transfer of	The Board reviewed the transfer of	No Action Taken
funds, final numbers	assessment funds. They recently received	
	\$18,867.60 and are expected to receive	
	another \$7,586.83 in the next few weeks.	
d. Impact of Hot Dog	Staff explained that a hot dog vendor has	No Action Taken
Vendor	been setting up in the district on the	
	sidewalk causing extreme stains and	
	leaving behind a mess that the	
	Ambassadors are having to clean up. This	
	cost needs to be reimbursed and the next	
	step would be potentially sending a letter	
	to the city for reimbursement. Jennifer will	
	be working with the city and businesses to	
	discuss this issue.	
e. Sidewalk Vending	Rick explained that the City Attorney's	No Action Taken
Ordinance	office is currently drafting a street vendor	
	ordinance. It is an important local	
	legislation that will help the businesses in	
	the district. Currently the sidewalk vendors	
	are not paying into the district and the	
	district Ambassador are cleaning up after	

	them. Jennifer explained that currently the City Council is expected to review the ordinance on November 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2019.	
F. Elimination of news racks	Marco explained the news racks are not being used and get vandalized with stickers. He will bring this issue up when he conducts the walkthrough with the City.	No Action Taken
6. City Update	Jennifer went through the following item:	
a. Discussion on homelessness and programs	Jennifer introduced LT. Carver, Ivet, and Ascencia representatives to discuss homelessness downtown and programs available.  a. Glendale Police Department Officers reviewed many programs that are available to assist with the homeless. Glendale PD provides referrals and services as part of a long-term approach to assist with the homeless. The goal is to reduce and prevent future calls along with preventing unnecessary incarceration and hospitalization. They partner with service agencies, provide mental health services, and respond with a clinician to assist. They received roughly 2700 calls in 2018 and have already passed 2000 calls for services involving homeless this year. They use outreach and enforcement to make Glendale one of the safest cities. Recently they removed homeless campers from the Five Star Cinema and Mr. Furley's.  b. Ivet works with many agencies on helping the homeless. She explained that she helps with obtaining services and housing. She has emergency shelters and a domestic violence shelter.  c. Ascencia staff explained that they get calls and will go meet with homeless to interview and find out ways they can assist. They work downtown and offer	No Action Taken
	services and housing. Discussion followed.	
. Committee	Rick, Helen, Randy, and Marco went	
Reports	through the following items:	

Executive Committee	Rick and Marco went through the following items:	
a. Approval of rough draft YTD Budget	Marco reviewed the rough draft YTD budget. Staff explained that a pressure was purchased. DISI and SOBO are under budget.	Joe moved and Steven seconded the motion to approve the rough draft YTD budget. The motion was unanimously approved.
b. Other	Marco explained that clean and safe means that the district will provide hospitable services but the Ambassadors are not Police Officers.	No Action Taken
DISI	Helen and Marco went through the following items:	
d. Bridge Link / Placemaking investigation	Helen reviewed the draft photoshop image of the 134 bridge with planters. This will help make it safer and increase the beautification of the overpass. Marco will continue working with the city on this item.	No Action Taken
b. Upcoming Events	Helen explained that Tech Week and the Open Arts and Music Festival will be the next large events in the District.	No Action Taken
d. Update Logo	Marco explained that he would like to work with the DISI committee on coming up with ideas to improve the DGA Logo.	No Action Taken
SOBO	Randy and Marco went through the following items:	
a. New Truck, new Equipment	Staff gave an update on maintenance and explained they ordered a new pressure washing machine.	No Action Taken
b. Banked hours c. Other	Staff reviewed the Bank Hours report. Randy opened up for any other SOBO discussions.	No Action Taken No Action Taken
8. Closed Session to discuss pending legal issues	Marco explained that the Board needed to review a properties square and linear footage at 1000 North Central. He explained that a parking garage was originally included in the building square footage and one side of the street didn't have a sidewalk. Discussion followed.	a. Rick motioned and Helen seconded to reduce the properties building square footage by 14,845 / \$593.80 for the next fiscal year. The motion was approved unanimously. b. Randy motioned and

	A STATE OF THE STATE OF	Rick seconded a motion
		for the DGA to get
		outside council to
		review the properties
		linear square footage
		and the Districts
	4	Management Plan to
		determine if the
	(1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)	property should have a
		reduced linear footage.
		The motion was approved unanimously.
9. Next Meeting	Next meeting will be on September 13th, at	No Action Taken
	10:30am. It will be held in the 6 <sup>th</sup> floor	
	conference room.	

Minutes taken by Ryan Huffman, Staff.



### Downtown Glendale Association Board of Directors Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – 10:30 a.m. 100 N. Brand Blvd., 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, Glendale, CA 91203 www.downtownglendale.com

Present: Rick Lemmo, Joseph Stitick, Helen McDonagh, Nicole Dedic, Randy Stevenson,

Jennifer Hiramoto, Steven Sayers

Absent: Raul Porto

Guests: None

Staff: Marco Li Mandri, Ryan Huffman

### Minutes:

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1. Introductions	Rick Lemmo called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.	No Action Taken
2. Public Comments and Announcements	Rick opened the floor for public comments and announcements.	No Action Taken
3. Proposal to amend bylaws prior to annual meeting	Marco explained the need to update the bylaws since the expansion in July 2018.  Marco reviewed the proposed changes and opened up for any questions or discussions.	Joe moved and Nicole seconded the motion to approve the amended bylaws. The motion was approved unanimously.
4. Other	Rick opened up for any other discussions:  a. Jennifer reminded all Board Members about Tech Week.  b. Jennifer announced that the street vendor ordinance would be potentially discussed with City Council on October 22 <sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm. Rick wants Marco to work with the City and the City Attorney. Rick	No Action Taken

	would like a meeting with the City Attorney, Marco and himself to further discuss the necessity for a street ordinance. Discussion followed.	
5. Next Meeting	The next meeting will be on October 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2019 at 10:30am. It will be held in the 6 <sup>th</sup> floor conference room.	No Action Taken

Minutes taken by Ryan Huffman, Staff.



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Present:

Rick Lemmo, Joseph Stitick, Raul Porto, Nicole Dedic, Randy Stevenson, Jennifer

Hiramoto, Steven Sayers

Absent:

Helen McDonagh

**Guests:** 

Tad Dombroski

Staff:

Marco Li Mandri, Nick Lemmo, Ryan Huffman

### Minutes:

Item	Discussion	Action Taken?
1. Introductions	Rick Lemmo called the meeting to order at	No Action Taken
	10:30 am.	
2. Public Comments	Rick opened the floor for public comments	No Action Taken
and Announcements	and announcements:	
	a. Joe announced that Studio Movie Grill opened in the District.	
3. City update on	Marco, Rick, and Jennifer reviewed the	
current projects	following items with the Board:	
a. Annual report	Marco announced that Mustang	No Action Taken
process	Marketing and New City America have	
	started to work on the annual report.	
b. Annual report to	Jennifer and Marco explained that the	No Action Taken
City Council	Annual Report to City Council should take	
	place in the beginning of January,	
	potentially January 10 <sup>th</sup> , at 3:00pm.	
c. City discussion on	Rick explained the City of Glendale is one	Nicole moved and Raul
Sidewalk Vending	of the largest cities without an ordinance	seconded the approval

Ordinance, proposal for submittal of partial ordinance section covering application/permit process in time for the holidays. Authorize staff and or Officers to present wording on section of the ordinance to the City Council this evening	regulating sidewalk vendors. Marco reviewed a proposed ordinance for the City of Glendale to regulate sidewalk vending. The first phase for consideration is the issuance of permits. Marco explained that he reviewed different ordinances from Huntington Beach, Santa Monica, and Downey. It will be crucial for action to be taken before the holidays. Discussion followed.	of Marcos proposed permit process and authorized Marco to present it to City Council. Jennifer abstained. The motion was approved.
d. Status of trash receptacle purchase	Jennifer explained the City would be attempting to purchase 10 trashcans for the new part of the district. Discussion included the potential for the DGA to purchase an addition 10 trashcans depending on the carry forward amount.	No Action Taken
e. Status of abandoned news rack removal	Marco announced that the District still has approximately nine unused news racks throughout the district. They are full of graffiti and stickers and unused by newspaper distributors. He said that the City Public works should remove them. Staff will send Jennifer the location of them.	No Action Taken
4. Report from Nominations Committee	Marco reviewed the following items with the committee:	
a. Board members from the Downtown CBD up for re- nomination, 2 year terms: Rick Lemmo, Joseph Stitick, Steven Sayers, new applicants	Rick explained to the Board the status of the submitted nomination forms. Two nominees have not served on a Committee and Marco will be reaching out to them to join the DISI, SOBO, or both Committees.	No Action Taken
b. Recommendations for appointment of Board Members for 2019-2021	The Board of Directors reviewed the qualifications and voted to appoint three members to serve on the Board.	Rick moved and Nicole seconded to appoint Rick Lemmo, Joseph Stitick, and Steven Sayers to the Board of

		Directors. Joe abstained. The motion was approved.
c. Election of Officers for 2019: 1. President; 2. Vice President; 3. Secretary; 4. Treasurer	The Board Elected the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer for next year.	Randy moved and Raul seconded Rick as President, Joseph as Vice President, Raul as Secretary, and Helen as Treasurer. The motion was approved unanimously.
d. Other	Rick opened up for any other comments or announcements:  a. Tad announced that outreach with a variety of stakeholders concluded on the downtown parking analysis. In general they supported the parking policies and agree that City garages are below market prices. They like increased enforcement, mobile pay options, revenues reinvested in the downtown, and digital guidance signs.	No Action Taken
5. Holiday	Staff announced that all Holiday	No Action Taken
decorations timeline	Decorations would be installed be	
and implementation	November 14 <sup>th</sup> and remain up through the beginning of January.	
6. Next Meeting	Next meeting will be November 20 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. It will be held in the 6 <sup>th</sup> floor conference room.	No Action Taken

Minutes taken by Ryan Huffman, Staff.



November 1st, 2019

Raffi Ghazarian 138 N. Brand Blvd., Ste. 302 Glendale, CA 91203

Dear Mr. Ghazarian,

We welcome your interest in serving on the Greater Downtown Glendale Board of Directors. One of the requirements to serve on the Board is to serve, at least six months on one of the standing Committees of the Board. The standing Committees are attached.

We will notify you of the Sidewalk Operations Committee and District Identity Committee meetings as they are scheduled. We encourage you to attend these meetings.

Thanks for your interest in serving on the Greater Downtown Glendale Association Board.

Sincerely,

Marco Li Mandri Executive Director

Greater Downtown Glendale Association

Cc: Board of Directors



November 1st, 2019

Jahn De Khudikine 339 1/2 N Brand Blvd Glendale, CA 91203

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Sincerely,

Marco Li Mandri Executive Director

Greater Downtown Glendale Association

### Downtown Glendale Association (DGA) CBD Board of Directors Committee Structure -2019

DGA Committee	Functions and Duties
Executive Committee  Chair: Rick Lemmo,  President of the  Corporation	Oversees staff and district consulting contracts, corporate finances, insurance, development of budget, Board agendas and meetings, correspondences, outreach, bylaws and Board policies, relations with the City Manager's office, political reps and public agencies, Board elections, fundraising, oversees contract with the DGA, etc.
Sidewalk Operation, Beautification and Order (SOBO)  Chair: Randy Stevenson	Consists of all of the officers of the corporation.  Oversees maintenance service employees involved in the improvement of the public rights of way, including sidewalk sweeping, steam cleaning, landscaping. Coordinates with other office building and private security companies in the district.
District Identity and Marketing	Relations with GPD  Projects would include those that market and promote the Downtown or promote positive aspects of the Downtown Glendale CBD.
Chair: Helen McDonagh	Those issues may include: branding of the district, public relations, social media, underwriting special events, Website maintenance, banner program, seasonal displays, holiday decorations, visual linkages, new public spaces projects, improvements to public spaces in the district, district walking maps, brochures, twitter and facebook management, etc.
Land Use and Project Review Committee and Downtown Community Plan Update	Planning, zoning, parking, parking enforcement, traffic calming, transportation, review of new mixed use developments, review of new construction and its impact, street relationship, etc.
Chair: Joseph Stitick	

Staff:

Marco Li Mandri, Executive Director (New City America)

Ryan Huffman, Jacqueline Benthem, Shirley Zawadzki, Laura Li Mandri,

Administration (New City America)

Nick Lemmo, District Operations Director/District Management Services

Maintenance workers (District Management Services)

The next SOBO and DISI Meetings are on November  $20^{th}$ , 2019. SOBO is from 8:30 am - 9:00 am. DISI is from 9:00 am - 10:00 am. They meet at 100 N. Brand Blvd., in the  $6^{th}$  Floor Conference Room.

Please send us your email address, so we can email out all future meeting dates/times.

Email - info@downtownglendale.com or Ryan@downtownglendale.com



SUBJECT: CITY UPDATE

TO: GREATER DOWNTOWN GLENDALE ASSOCATION – DISI & SOBO

FROM: JENNIFER HIRAMOTO, DGA BOARD MEMBER

DEPUTY DIRECTOR - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CITY OF GLENDALE

The City of Glendale and Downtown Glendale Association continue to collaborate as both organizations strive toward improving the quality of life and vibrancy in downtown Glendale. Please find the update below on City projects that may be of interest to members of the committees:

### A. NEW AND UPCOMING BUSINESSES (IN ORDER OF OPENING DATES)

- Studio Movie Grill, 128 N. Artsakh Now Open! (Marketing Support Needed!)
- Bea Bea's, 313 W. California Now Open!
- Nike Store, Americana at Brand Coming Soon!
- Amazon, Americana at Brand Coming Soon!
- Mumford Brewery, 300 N. Central Avenue Coming Soon!
- WeWork, 611 N. Brand Open Date Scheduled for February 3, 2020

### **B. ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT RFP**

Studio One Eleven and the City of Glendale met with members of GDGA in October to discuss upcoming plans for the Arts & Entertainment District, which includes an enhanced pedestrian experience and more recognizable artistic features. This will also feature a one-way street. Designs have been further vetted, and is scheduled to be presented to the City Council on Dec. 17. Should Council agree, the next step would be to move forward with construction drawings.

### C. STREET VENDOR ORDINANCE

The City Council adopted an urgency Street Vendor Ordinance, which establishes stringent regulations that, among other items, generally forbid vendors in the GDGA district. A second reading was scheduled for Nov. 19, 2019. A full copy of the draft ordinance can be found at this link: <a href="https://www.ci.glendale.ca.us/government/council">https://www.ci.glendale.ca.us/government/council</a> packets/CC HA 111919/CC 7b 111919.pdf

### D. HOLIDAYS IN GLENDALE

In addition to the holiday lights and decorations that the GDGA provides, this year the City has supplemented efforts in the A&E District by investing approximately \$25,000 for holiday decorations and activities. This includes the installation of wreaths, a 30-foot holiday tree, overhead ornaments, landscaping and street light enhancements. Holiday events the GDGA is supporting include:

- Holly Jolly Breakfast with Santa on December 7, 2019 from 9 am to Noon. Hosted by Parks Department.
- Jingle Bell Run on December 8, 2019. The City of Glendale has established a team, and more than 20 people have signed up. Event hosted by the Arthritis Foundation.
- Ugly Sweater Party in the Paseo on December 21, 2019, from 4 pm to 7 pm.

### E. TRASH CANS

The Public Works Department has agreed to purchasing a total of ten crash cans. Staff is working with them now to place the order. Direction is needed from GDGA on how to proceed with the logos.

### F. ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report is scheduled to be presented by the GDGA on January 21, 2019 at 3 pm.





Att: Jennifer Hiramoto

Jennifer, please distribute this letter to appropriate City Management, Staff, Mayor and all City Council members, prior to this evenings November 5, 2019, meeting on Agenda Item **8f.** 

Dear Mayor, Council, City Management and appropriate City Staff,

Please accept this letter in support of the Agenda item 8f and to support City Staff's recommendation to approve <u>URGENCY ORDINANCE</u> - Establishing a Sidewalk Vending Program in Compliance with Senate Bill No. 946; Amending the Glendale Municipal Code, 1995, adding chapter 5.35 and Amending Sections 1.20.010 and 9.14.140; and Declaring the Urgency thereof.

Please accept my apology that, due to a previous commitment, I am unable to attend this evening's meeting. Please understand that my absence this evening should not diminish the urgency of the concerns and needs of the Greater Downtown Glendale Association members and the negative impact, expected to become even greater in the coming months, on the operation of their businesses and property values.

Please understand that there is no doubt that responsible street vendors add to the ambiance and vibrancy of our downtown area. However, there are two very specific concerns that our property owners and merchants have expressed. First, as we have discussed in last week's meeting, there are significant <u>public safety issues</u> including but certainly not limited to: path of travel for disabled access, cleanliness and contamination issues due to waste as well as residue left behind, interruption with folks trying to enter or exit existing business or City crosswalks, proliferation of vendors without permits during high traffic or holiday periods. There are also issues of fairness, that need to be considered: currently, unlike long term property owners and area merchants, street vendors to do not charge or pay sales tax, gain City permits, pay any portion of rent or property taxes, do not participate in self-assessment in our Community Benefit District and do not provide appropriate liability coverage for Glendale or the Greater Downtown Glendale Association for the consequences of their unsafe, unhealthy and often dangerous actions and residue thereof.

Los Angeles, Downey, Huntington Beach, Santa Monica and Pasadena are area cities that have addressed this issue many, many months ago. Glendale has led our area on so many issues, please do not wait any longer as this will continue to have negative impact if ignored any longer. Please provide our code enforcement and police and fire personnel rules for us all to live by.

Please move this **Urgency Ordinance** forward so as to address these key issues before the anticipated proliferation during this upcoming holiday season.

Please vote to move forward with the ordinance crafted by staff, as written, this evening.

Thanks so much for your time.

Sincerely,

Rick Lemmo President

Greater Downtown Glendale Association



Att: Jennifer Hiramoto

Jennifer, please distribute this letter to appropriate City Management, Staff, Mayor and all City Council members, prior to this evenings November 5, 2019, meeting on Agenda Item 8a.

Dear Mayor, Council, City Management and appropriate City Staff,

Please accept this letter in support of the Agenda item 8a and City Staff's recommendation to approve Parking Management Strategies outlined in the Comprehensive Parking Analysis.

After significant and comprehensive outreach and explanation by City Staff and open acceptance of our concerns and feedback, it is time to move forward with these strategies. In particular, Glendale City Staff attended numerous meetings with our Board of Directors and provided convenient availability for follow up meetings to answers questions and assess feedback. On behalf of the Greater Downtown Glendale Association, I am proud to offer our support.

These strategies will help continue to move our world class city forward and allow us to consistently react and improve our systems and equipment based upon changing needs and technology updates.

Thanks so much for your time.

Sincerely,

Rick Lemmo President

Greater Downtown Glendale Association