

AFFORDABLE HOUSING/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Place: Virtual Meeting-Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87307425367>
by phone 1-877-853-5257 (Meeting ID: 873 0742 5367 Passcode: 898850)

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Committee Present: Bob Guenzel, Micah Bartelme, Tyler Kinley

Committee Absent: Darren McKinnon

Other DDA Present: Jessica A.S. Letaw

Partners: Shannon Gibb-Randall/CPC; Ali Ramlawi, Linh Song/City Council;
Josie Parker/AADL, Matt Carpenter, Rich Chang/AAATA

Staff: Maura Thomson, Jada Hahlbrock, Kelley Graves

Public: Members of the public were on the Zoom meeting but did not identify themselves.

Virtual Guidelines: Mr. Bartelme read the guidelines for holding electronic meetings.

Partner Updates:

The AADL is following the mistartmap (<https://www.mistartmap.info/>) that tracks the risk of spread of COVID statewide to inform its decision to re-open for browsing and computer use in early summer. Return to full in-person services is tentatively planned for fall.

The Planning Commission is discussing revisions to ADU and transit oriented development (T1) standards to encourage more housing supply. Whether these changes constitute an overall zoning change for the City, requiring public notification by mail is being discussed. CM Ramlawi said he is bringing a resolution regarding notification on changes to ADU standards to the April 5th Council meeting.

The AAATA plans restore all transit services in August, with the exception of a few under-performing routes. Public engagement presentations on the AAATA's long-range plans are forthcoming.

City Hall remains closed following County and State health guidelines. CM Ramlawi expressed appreciation for the DDA providing barricade funding for the area merchant associations weekend street closures approved by Council. The street closures will begin the first weekend in April and will continue until the weekend before Labor Day. City staff is working on plans and costs for healthy streets projects for this year. The resolution regarding sidewalk snow removal was moved to the Transportation Commission for further review. CM Song said the Human Rights Commission article on anti-Asian violence will be released soon and, reminded all that the City, Human Resource Commission and AAPD are available resources for those in need.

In addition to the barricade funding, the DDA board approved funding again this year for sidewalk occupancy permits for downtown businesses. The People-Friendly Streets II public engagement sessions are being held this week. The First and Ashley Street project construction is underway. Staff is working closely with businesses on Ashley to mitigate the impact. The search for the new Executive Director is underway. The AAHC is closing on Lurie Terrace this week. CM Ramlawi thanked the DDA for its nearly \$1M in financial support for Lurie Terrace.

Public Comment: None.

The next Affordable Housing/Economic Development Committee meeting (DDA only) is scheduled for April 14 at 9 am.

The meeting adjourned at 10 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Maura Thomson, Interim Executive Director