



University District Development Association (UDDA) Minutes

Wednesday, December 6, 2023, 4:18 – 5:32 PM, at Bouten Construction and Via Zoom

Board Members Present: Bill Bouten, Catherine Brazil, Colleen Fuchs, Steve MacDonald (Mayor's proxy), Stacie Maier, Chuck Murphy, Lindsey Myhre (past chair), Stacia Rasmussen (GSI proxy), Greg Repetti, Rob Sauders (EWU proxy- first meeting), Katy Sheehan, Juliet Sinisterra, John Sklut (Gonzaga proxy), Eric Smith (WSU proxy), Frank Velazquez (last meeting), Amber Waldref, Erin Williams-Hueter, Chris Wright (Council President proxy)

Board Members Absent: Alicia Barbieri, Alisha Benson (see proxy), Kevin Brockbank, Emilie Cameron, Daryll DeWald (see proxy), Teresa Dugger, Lori Hunt, Brooke Kiener, Thayne McCulloh (see proxy), Shari McMahan (see proxy), Scott McQuilkin, Susan Stacey, Dennis Wagner, Council President Betsy Wilkerson (see proxy), Mayor Nadine Woodward (see proxy)

Others Present: Juliet Sinisterra, Taudd Hume, Patrick Jones, Alden Jones

Call to Order, Welcome, and Administrative Actions

In Dugger's absence, past chair Myhre called the meeting to order at 4:18 PM and thanked Bouten Construction for hosting. She noted newly-elected Council President Betsy Wilkerson has joined the UDDA board, welcomed new EWU proxy Rob Sauders (and thanked his predecessor Mark Baldwin for his proxy service). She also thanked Mayor Woodward and Lori Kinnear for their board service and recognized Dr. Frank Velazquez for his board service from 2018-2023.

Myhre asked for a **MOTION to approve the UDDA financials as of October 31, 2023, and the September 6, 2023, annual meeting and the November 1, 2023, retreat minutes** (Velazquez) and seconded (Murphy) and passed unanimously.

2023 Highlights

Sinisterra reviewed 2023 Work Plan highlights and the completed 2023 Scorecard. The board applauded the staff for their accomplishments.

Business Committee Report

In chair Wagner's absence, Sinisterra recapped the November meeting presentations by Mark Pond with Spokane Public Library on CoStar and EDO and by Mason Burley of Urbanova on Connected Communities, smart utility tracking, and energy grid optimization.

Development Committee Report

Murphy summarized the 400-Block and 201 West Main Avenue updates presented during the UDPDA meeting. He noted that the proposed master plan illustrations (intended to visualize the data/recommendations of several years' of studies as well as align with the U Vision 2044 Strategic Plan and UD Guiding Principles) will be very helpful in communicating the potential of the UD with developers, legislators, and grant making organizations.

2024 UDDA Work Plan and Capital Budget

Sinisterra walked the board through the 2024 Work Plan and Capital Budget (including some comparisons to 2023 actual spending and noting this year's anticipated \$9K shortfall due to IUS event costs). She outlined 2024 Work Plan activities and proposed



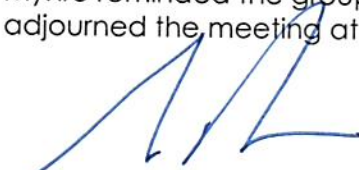
expenditures in three categories: Community Development, Economic and Asset Development, and Property and Capital Development.

Sinisterra described funding support for business incubation, Evergreen Bioscience Innovation Lab, a U Incubation Village, a Spokane Environmental Learning and Cultural Center, code audits with the city, BID formation, a life science and/or student retention campaign, and the Spokane Culture Corridor.

Myhre asked for a **MOTION to approve the UDDA 2024 Work Plan and Budget** (MacDonald), seconded (Murphy), and passed unanimously.

Presentation: The Spokane Economy and Higher Education's Fit by Dr. Patrick Jones, EWU and Priority Spokane. Dr. Jones's slides can be found [here](#).

Myhre reminded the group of the February 7, 2024, meeting at Whitworth and adjourned the meeting at 5:32 PM.



Greg Repetti, Secretary

Date

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