

# **Baytowne Wharf Neighborhood Association**

## **Board Meeting Minutes 12-18-2023**

**Board Members Present**-Bill Liedholm, David Ralph, Dawn Smith, and Yossi Biton.

**Others present**-Alan Meyers (BWNA), Adam Polimeni (SDI Commercial), Jim Miller (Gateway Association) and David Bell (Gateway Association)

- The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Bill Liedholm, Dawn Smith, David Ralph and Yossi Biton were present. Quorum established.
- Meeting Notice was posted December 15, 2023 at 1:34 p.m., which meets the 48hr requirement for Board meetings.
- Dawn made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 28, 2023. Yossi seconded the motion with all members being in favor. Meeting minutes were approved.

Subject: Charge for self-park Proposal

- Alan reviewed the proposal to charge for self-parking in the public garage as well as reviewing the legal opinion from counsel that the association had the ability to charge. There were a few different options to pick from. The main difference was whether or not the entire garage was to be utilized for charge for self-park or a portion was to remain valet spaces as well as different fee structures for hourly, including the possibility of the first hour being free. Bill suggested we hold off on a vote until everyone could voice their opinion on the subject. Yossi was adamant that the charge for self-parking would hurt commercial businesses. David Ralph said that he thought this would help protect the parking for the guests from unauthorized users and that would be better for the commercial businesses. Alan suggested reaching out the merchants and getting their opinions.

Subject: Drone Show Proposal

- Alan presented the Board with a proposal to do a 150 drone show for New Year's Eve. Last year the cost for a 100 drone show was \$40k, and this year's cost to do a 100 drone show is \$25k. The cost to have a 150 drone show is \$35k. Alan mentioned that either show could be done twice for an additional 10% of the show cost. Dave made a motion to proceed with two 150 drone shows for a cost of \$38,455. BWNA would pay for \$25,630, and BVR would pay \$12,815. Bill seconded the motion with all members in favor.

Subject: Pressure Washing Proposal

- Based on the feedback Alan received after the Village streets were pressure washed last year, he procured a bid from the same vendor to lock in a price for three years. PPW was able to offer the same pricing as this year, if we signed to do the entire Village for three years. Dave made a motion to accept the proposal for three years at \$7950 a year, with the first year to be expensed in 2023. Yossi seconded the motion with all members in favor.

Subject: 2024 Budget

- Alan presented the Board with a budget for the 2024 year. There was a 20% deduction from Slick Lips 2% figures since they will be eliminating the surcharge on the guest check. Alan did mention that it is not uncommon for us to have a surplus in extra parking and security due to deputies not signing up for spring break shifts. The Sherriff's Office is understaffed and commonly runs into overtime issues. RETA is always a shot in the dark, but was budgeted conservatively in comparison to 2023 actual numbers. Insurance is budgeted at a 20% increase and the dues on the Service Bay, due to Gateway increases, will see a 23% increase. Otherwise, most of the ordinary expenses are in line with the previous years. The biggest increase was in the common area and public restroom contract. Some of the contractors that had been recommended for bids relied exclusively on H2B visas and it was very hard due to our fluctuating hours. Alan said he would continue to try and solicit bids. Bill made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Yossi seconded the motion with all members in favor.
- Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:38am. Yossi seconded the motion with all members in favor. Meeting adjourned.