

TIDD BOARD AGENDA

Monday, April 26, 2021 at 1:00 PM

Chair
Ken Miyagishima

Vice Chair
Kasandra Gandara

Board Members
Tessa Abeyta-Stuve
Gabriel Vasquez
Johana Bencomo
Gill Sorg
Yvonne Flores



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MINUTES

Tax Increment Development District Board Meeting

Monday, January 25, 2021 @ 1:00 PM

Remote via Zoom

PRESENT: Mayor Ken Miyagishima, Councilor Kasandra Gandara, Councilor Gabe Vasquez, Councilor Gill Sorg, Councilor Yvonne Flores, Councilor Tessa Abeyta-Stuve, and Councilor Johana Bencomo

ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ACTION ITEMS

2.1 Approval of Minutes from October 26, 2020.

Councilor Yvonne Flores moved, seconded by Councilor Tessa Abeyta-Stuve, to Approve the TIDD Board minutes from October 26, 2020.

RESULT:	Carried
MOVER:	Councilor Yvonne Flores
SECONDER:	Councilor Tessa Abeyta-Stuve
AYES:	Mayor Ken Miyagishima, Councilor Kasandra Gandara, Councilor Gabe Vasquez, Councilor Yvonne Flores, Councilor Tessa Abeyta-Stuve, and Councilor Johana Bencomo
ABSENT:	Councilor Gill Sorg

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.1 Financial Update.

Josh Saffell, Senior Accountant gave an overhead presentation.

Board Member Flores said I didn't understand where the money comes from, where it goes, is there a breakdown for the different projects.

Chris Faivre, Interim Destination Downtown Program Manager said I have a presentation that will be updating you on the current TIDD projects that has some of the budgetary questions.

Josh Saffell said generally what we present here is a basic summary of the basic financials. If you do want further detail, please let us know and I'm sure that we could adjust the report to where it becomes something more useful.

Board Member Flores said it would be good to have that breakdown as part of the presentation because we have to understand how this is working. The

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October report had shown that things had gone down.

Dr. Griselda Martinez, Economic Development Director said we will adjust the report by project and by month so you can see the trends. The source of funding for the TIDD in downtown is a portion of the GRT that is generated by the businesses in the designated area.

Chair Miyagishima said I wonder if we should put in a sunset clause for when it expires.

Dr. Griselda Martinez said the sunset took place a year ago. When you see the summary by month, there will be a huge drop in the revenues. It's about \$18,000 a month.

Chair Miyagishima asked does the county's portion sunset or does that stay on?

Dr. Griselda Martinez said I believe it continues until the ending life of the TIDD.

Vice Chair Gandara said what would be helpful is to see a breakdown from year to year. It would be helpful to have a refresher course every time. Does the Amador get listed as an asset?

Josh Saffell said cash was the primary asset. It is most likely a capital asset, which was not reported in those funds.

Vice Chair Gandara said I'd like to see that and see a running tab of where we're at, and how does that get calculated in terms of its worth.

3.2 TIDD Projects Update.

Chris Faivre, Interim Destination Downtown Coordinator gave an overhead presentation.

Vice Chair Gandara asked can you update the TIDD Board in relation to the parking structure and timed parking, and the Arts and Cultural District?

Chris Faivre said ACD currently has a project that they're using CIP funds for, which is the Mesquite District Lighting and Wayfinding Study. We're working with Bohannon and Houston on that. It's a two pronged approach for the area. One is wayfinding signage and gateway signage for the boundaries of the district as well as kiosks directing others to places in the district. There's also the lighting study to determine if there is additional lighting needs for the Mesquite area. For the signage, we have seen some preliminary designs that the ACD has been reviewing. We should have a lot more developed by our next TIDD meeting.

Dr. Griselda Martinez said we have gone through the SAC process and selected a vendor. That contract will come back to city council for voting. At

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that time, we will also bring the option of timing versus charging.

Vice Chair Gandara asked what about the parking lot survey?

Dr. Griselda Martinez said if it's appropriate in the next TIDD Board meeting we can have all other project updates. For the parking garage, the feasibility study was completed and the next step would be for funding to be determined for next stages.

Board Member Bencomo asked are we not paying for the shade structures through the TIDD?

Chris Faivre said as of right now there is no TIDD funds dedicated to that project.

Board Member Bencomo asked will that be up for discussion at the next TIDD meeting?

Chris Faivre said it is something we can certainly look at using TIDD funds for that. We will put together a list of potential priorities.

Chair Miyagishima asked is it fair to say there is no movement on it?

Chris Faivre said yes, currently at this time. There hasn't been any other requests made to the architect. At this point, it is a matter of determining the funding source before moving forward.

Dr. Griselda Martinez said we have discussed this with ACD and in the discussion of priorities this is not one that made it. At the next update, we are planning to bring those priorities to the TIDD Board and based on the funding available.

Chair Miyagishima asked Ifo, can you make this a priority?

Board Member Flores said we owe it to our residents at least an update as to what is going on.

Board Member Vasquez said I'm excited that the parking lot and bathrooms is getting a much needed remodel. Are you increasing the size of those restrooms?

David Sedillo, Public Works Director said we should be increasing those. I'll have to confirm with the design. I'll follow up with staff to get the exact number.

Board Member Vasquez said I'd like to see about contacting the post office about that wrap around wall. Does that have a public art component included as part of the 1%?

Chris Faivre said I don't think there was money allocated for public art at this

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point.

Tony Trevino, Interim Public Works Deputy Director said the project for Campo is considering different planning and design for pedestrian access and lighting. Money for art has not been dedicated for horizontal construction.

Board Member Vasquez asked can you give an update on the kiosks in addition to if they have been in use?

Chris Faivre said I'll have to get back to you on that. The last I heard they were looking to get that repaired but I don't know what the latest is on that.

Dr. Griselda Martinez said the one at Visit Las Cruces is used quite often and has been repaired. We will have to follow up with you on the data.

4. ADJOURNMENT

4.1 Councilor Yvonne Flores moved, seconded by Councilor Kasandra Gandara, to Adjourn at 1:52 p.m.

RESULT:	Carried
MOVER:	Councilor Yvonne Flores
SECONDER:	Councilor Kasandra Gandara
AYES:	Mayor Ken Miyagishima, Councilor Kasandra Gandara, Councilor Gabe Vasquez, Councilor Gill Sorg, Councilor Yvonne Flores, Councilor Tessa Abeyta-Stuve, and Councilor Johana Bencomo