



**2017-2018  
HBDBID EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Date: May 30, 2018  
Location: BID Office  
315 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Suite E  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Day: Wednesday  
Time: 3:00 PM

1. Call to order at 3:02 p.m. by Matt Peterson
  - a. Roll Call: Matt Peterson, Bob Bolen, Mike Williams, and Kate Leigh. Past President- Steve Daniels. Staff present: Marianne Tonjes.
2. Public Comments: Vanessa Martinez and Tiffany Tina, downtown residents, presented questions about the donation HBDBID made to the HBPA in 2017. Statement from Tiffany Tina:

*Good Afternoon!*

*Being a resident of Huntington Beach, I am honored to call this my home. Not only will I be raising my children here, but I hope they are able to call this home for their future family. I am excited for the growth of Downtown and Pacific City, the events that happen every weekend and the art that has been going up around the city.*

*I come to you as a concerned citizen and resident of downtown Huntington Beach. Specifically, concerning the ongoings of a pending non-profit organization, The Huntington Beach Public Art Alliance and an individual who represents the organization, Kim Kramer. In a meeting with Kim and after a posting on social media, I have been under scrutiny and harassed outside of my home with my young children.*

*I echo the concerns of my neighbor Vanessa Martinez.*

*Being a resident of downtown, I am concerned that the actions and thoughts of a small group of individuals will be pushed through by smoke screen using a non-profit organization.*

*Although, the project of an art mural proposed at the site of the Frontier building at 602 Main Street is out of the "BID" boundaries, I question the process of the organization to notify, involve or address neighbors and the city of Huntington Beach residents.*

*So I began asking questions; I inquired on the validity of this organization (HBPA) and if it was really a non-profit organization because Kim Kramer stated that he was working in*



*conjunction with HBPAA, however, he asked that the checks or cash donations be made to him in his name. Who is exactly profiting from this? Who is profiting from this organization?*

*Is there a non-profit certificate? If so, where is that?*

*What is the process of payment? I have spoken with several residents stating that they were asked to make donations (their names on bricks, specifically) and to write out a check to Kim Kramer himself.*

*When I contacted the City of HB, they stated that the HBPAA does not have a license with the City of Huntington Beach and any donations to the non-profit would not be tax exempt. I have personally donated cash to the "Dumpsters on Parade" to Kim Kramer, and have not received a receipt for that donation. That being said, does he have a tax form (W-9) that I can obtain so I am able to write those donations off on my tax return? And i am requesting a Form 990 as well.*

*How does this organization account for donations for a project that does not have a license with the city? What exactly is the intention of these donations? In a meeting with Kim Kramer this is what he stated that the HBPAA will be donating:*

*\$200k to HB School District  
\$20k to the surfing Museum  
\$700k to the Chamber of Commerce and Downtown*

*Can these donations be verified?*

*Does the BID know about their donations to an organization who operate without having a business license?*

*How much did the BID donate to the organization, if any?*

*If so, what was the intended use of those donations?*

*Where will this money come from?*

*Does the BID know about these proposed donations?*

*Not only am I concerned on where the donations are going and in who's pocket are my donations going to, but parking, foot traffic, safety and impact on the residential community.*

*I appreciate your time and consideration on this matter and am open to any feedback positive or negative regarding this matter.*



*Thank you!*

3. Approve Agenda: Kate Leigh motioned and Mike Williams seconded. Vote 4-0.
4. Approve Minutes: Tabled until next meeting. Kate Leigh motioned and Mike Williams seconded.
5. Temporary Event Assistance Contract

- a. Information: The Board of Directors gave the Executive Committee the authority to hire a consultant as a temporary, part-time contractor, not to exceed \$2,000 to assist in the planning and execution of the Chili at the Beach event. Jodi McKay has a HB business license and has been a contractor for several other downtown events.

Recommendation: Approve the contract for Jodi McKay as temporary, part-time contractor, not to exceed \$2,000, to assist in the planning and execution of the Chili at the Beach through June 30, 2018. Kate Leigh motioned, Mike Williams seconded. Vote-4-0.

## 6. Board of Directors

- a. Information: To discuss non-Board authorized actions, such as petitions, by HBDBID Board members

President Matt Peterson stated that any possible Brown Act violations need review by the City Attorney. The Board discussed the petition that is being circulated by Dick Thorpe without authorization of the Board. They also discussed his absences from meetings according to the requirements set forth in the by-laws. The committee would like to recommend to bring the item to the Board meeting for the member to be removed for excessive attendance.

## 7. Donations

- a. Information: At the August 2017 HBDBID BOD meeting a \$3,000 donation to the Huntington Beach Public Arts Alliance (HBPAA) for Dumpsters on Parade was approved and subsequently awarded, with the understanding that HBPAA would soon be approved as a 501(c) (3) non-profit. Surf City Nights also donated \$516. HBPAA is still not approved.

President Matt Peterson stated that the HBDBID has the fiduciary duty to make sure that donations are given to sanctioned 501(c)3 organizations. He stated he didn't want to ask for the money back until it was reviewed by the City of HB attorney. Bob Bolen was concerned that wasn't exactly what the agenda states. Matt asked that the



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recommendation be amended. Mike Williams also stated that the \$516 donated by Surf City Nights was not approved by the Board.

Recommendation: To recommend to the HBDBID Board of Directors to approve a request to the City of HB attorney to research a refund of the \$3,516 HBDBID donation from the Huntington Beach Public Arts Alliance.

Motion made by Bob Bolen, seconded by Kate Leigh. Vote 4-0

8. Announcements

Bob Bolen stated he wants to have a corn-hole tournament with Long Beach Fire next spring. The money would go for children's cancer.

9. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm

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