

EAST END IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

TO: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST END IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the East End Improvement Corporation (EEIC) will be held on **Friday, February 28, 2020, at 12:00 p.m.** at the offices of the East End District, 3211 Harrisburg Blvd., Houston, Texas, open to the public, to consider, discuss and adopt such orders, resolutions or motions, and take such other direct or indirect actions as may be necessary, convenient, or desirable with respect to the following matters:

Board Members in Attendance: Blanca Blanco and Yolanda Alvarado

Board Members Absent: Elliot Barner

Others in Attendance: Dan Joyce, Eva Quiroz, and Veronica Chapa Gorczynski

Meeting called to order at 12:06 pm

1. **Minutes.** Approve minutes from the previous meeting(s).

The January meeting minutes were presented by Veronica Gorczynski. After review, a motion was initiated by Blanca Blanco and seconded by Yolanda Alvarado and approved unanimously.

2. **Review and Consider Contribution Toward Big Walls, Big Dreams Proposal.**

A request letter on behalf of UP Art Studios was presented to the EEIC Board to request the East End Improvement Corporation as a partner for the event. The request including funding in the amount of \$10,000 and in-kind prep labor to contribute toward the anticipated Big Walls, Big Dreams Mural Festival. There was discussion regarding several questions during this item including: "Who are the committed partners for the project?"; "Who is responsible for creative input?"; "Is there a sense of how many other partners are going to commit?"; and "Do we know the proposed location of the murals?". Unfortunately, staff did not have answers to the questions. Blanca Blanco motioned to hold on a vote until the questions could be answered at the next EEIC Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Yolanda Alvarado and passed unanimously. Staff committed to follow-up with Up Art Studio in anticipating of the next Board meeting.

3. **Meeting Schedule.** Review the regular meeting schedule of the East End Improvement Corporation and amend the EEIC Annual Calendar and authorize action as appropriate.

Veronica Gorczynski shared the Annual Calendar for the EEIC and requested consideration of monthly meetings in order for the EEIC to provide more frequent guidance with regards to cultural district programming for the East End Houston Cultural District. Blanca Blanco made a motion to move the EEIC meetings monthly to the second Friday of the month during lunch (starting at noon). Motion by Blanca Blanco with a second by Yolanda Alvarado and approved unanimously.

4. **Bylaws.** Review the EEIC Bylaws and consider changes to expand the Board of Directors from three to five Board Members and authorize appropriate action.

Veronica Gorczynski presented the Bylaws of the East End Improvement Corporation and asked the Board to consider expanding the current number of directors from three to five members. The purpose of this expansion was to support the East End Improvement Corporation as the lead organization for the East End Houston Cultural District. As the lead organization, the EEIC would be responsible for making decisions with regards to funding, programming, and reporting for the East End Houston Cultural District. Blanca Blanco made a motion to amend the Bylaws increasing the Board of Directors from three to five members. The motion was seconded by Yolanda Alvarado and passed unanimously.

5. **East End Street Fest.** Receive report providing an update on East End Street Fest, review proposed date, budget, and fundraising materials and authorize action as appropriate.

There was no update given for the East End Street Fest.

6. **Executive Session, if Necessary.** Convene executive session to discuss: (a) pending or contemplated litigation or to consult with the attorney in accordance with Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code; (b) acquisition of real property in accordance with Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code; (c) personnel matters in accordance with Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; (d) to receive information from or question employees in accordance with Section 551.075 of the Texas Government Code; employees; (e) deployment of security personnel or devices or a security audit in accordance with Section 551.076 of the Texas Government Code; or (f) economic development negotiations or offers of financial incentives for economic development in accordance with Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code.
7. **Reconvene in Open Session.** Reconvene in public session to consider authorizing District staff and consultants to take any action necessary with respect to (a) pending or contemplated litigation or attorney advice; (b) acquisition of real property; (c) personnel matters; (d) receiving information from or questioning employees; (e) economic development negotiations or offers of financial incentives; (f) deployment of security personnel or devices or a security audit; and (g) any other matters relative to any of these

matters which was discussed in Executive Session.

8. **Public Comments.** Receive comments from the public.

9. **Adjourn.**

Meeting Adjourned: 1:12 pm

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