



**Thayer Street District Management Authority
Board of Directors Meeting**

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

118 Waterman Street, 2nd floor, Providence, RI

MEETING MINUTES

The Thayer Street District Management Authority (TSDMA) board meeting was called to order at 9:02 A.M.

1. Roll Call

Directors: Joe Mardo, Chair; John Luipold; Harry Bilodeau; Katie Silberman; Lauren Berk; Anthony Aquino; and Donna Personeus, Executive Director.

Absent: Paul Griesinger; Melanie Jewett; Richard Dulgarian;

2. Discussion and Vote to Approve the Minutes from the Board Meeting on December 5, 2023.

Minutes from the December 5, 2023 Board meeting presented by Ms. Personeus were approved after a motion by Ms. Silberman. Luipold, which was seconded by Mr. Luipold. The vote was unanimous.

3. Discussion and Vote to Approve the Financial Report as provided on January 9, 2024.

Financial Reports were presented January 9, 2024 by Ms. Personeus. The reports were approved after a motion by Mr. Luipold, which was seconded by Ms. Berk. The vote was unanimous.

4. Executive Director Report

Ms. Personeus provided her Executive Director report on January 7, 2024 to Board members. There was no further discussion.

5. Discussion on Accounting/Bookkeeping Services

Ms. Personeus provided a detailed outline of the current accounting/bookkeeping services for review and discussion. Mr. Luipold stated that completing the audit is the priority and that he and the Executive Board would be overseeing the completion. He asked Ms. Personeus to provide information in a timely manner upon request.

6. Discussion on Trash Service

Ms. Personeus provided a detailed outline of the current trash services and the current TSDMA agreement with Big Belly Solar for review and discussion. She noted the agreement was coming into its last year soon and recommended exploring the possibility of extending it for two years to save money. Mr. Bilodeau stated that he would be speaking with the Big Belly account representative regarding services and reviewing the TSDMA's

general trash issues to suggest improved solutions. He plans to work with Ms. Personeus to improve trash services for the TSDMA.

7. Thayer Street Marketing Committee Update

Ms. Personeus reminded the Board that the December marketing committee meeting scheduled for December 8 was canceled and would be held on January 12 via zoom. The agenda would include planning for the Ice Sculpture Stroll, Earth Day, and Taste of Thayer events.

8. Updates on Redevelopment of 279 Thayer (Two Cousin LLC) and 235 Meeting (Boutros Salo & Boghos)

Ms. Personeus provided the Board with the update that she had received for 235 Meeting Street. There was a permit at 235 Meeting St. to occupy the sidewalk and parking lane. We were asked if there was any objection to the proposed closing of Meeting St. from Thayer to Brook on 12/22/23 from 7:30 to 10:30AM. I notified the TSDMA businesses that would be directly affected. No update was provided for the 279 Thayer development project by Mr. Michel Boutros.

9. Social Media Report Presentation by Consultant Audrey McClelland

Ms. McClelland provided her social media report in hard copy and a pre-recorded update to the Board, but did not present in person via zoom. Ms. McClelland mentioned that she would be continuing the giveaways through the month of January on IG due to their successful engagement.

10. Thayer Business Update

Ms. Berk stated Holiday sales were down this year due to the bridge reroutes and heavy construction.

11. Other Business

Ms. Personeus mentioned that the Marketing committee would resume meeting via zoom.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 A.M.