



**Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, December 8 | 4:30 PM  
Las Palmas**

Board Members in attendance: Katy Slade, Kelem Butts, Bob Edmonson, Paula Peters, Phil Cobb, Joseph Pitchford, Yolanda Lawson, Joel Behrens, Michael Salcher, Michael Alost, John Armstrong, Kevin Hickman, Tony Page, Michael Schackman, Scott Sherwood, Neal Sleeper, Cheryl Thompson, Robert Wright,

Additional parties in attendance: Kathy Stewart *staff*, Anita Simmons *staff*, Chuck DelTufo *staff*, Bailey Sanders *staff*, Vasavi Pilla *City of Dallas*, Councilmember Paul Ridley

Board members not in attendance: John Ackerman, Mark Johnson, Boots Reeder, Buddy Cramer, Jon King, Phil Puckett, Matt Segrest, Jud Pankey, Elliot Prieur, Matt Enzler, Mark Dickenson, Ramsey March, Robert Bagwell, Keith Hull, Kyle Noonan, Ken Reese, Pasha Heidari, Greg Kraus, Paula Nemece, Zac Porter, Seth Thatcher, Melissa Swope, Judy Hearst, Mike Turner, Will Hendrickson, Noelle LeVeaux

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 4:42 PM.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Robert Wright motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes. Cheryl Thompson seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Michael Alost, Uptown Dallas, Inc. ("UDI") Treasurer, reviewed the November financial statements. The cash carry forward dollars from 2022 have been allocated in 2023. Michael presented the proposed 2023 budget.

- Michael Alost motioned to approve all contracts above \$50,000 including MATA, Tactical Services, Block by Block, USA, Lawns of Dallas, Lawnsapes of Dallas, and Green2B. Cheryl Thompson seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.
- Kelem Butts motioned to approve the 2023 Budget. Robert Wright seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

**Chairman's Report**

Kevin Hickman, UDI Chairman of the Board of Directors ("the Board"), updated the Board on the end of the year. This is Kathy Stewart's last board meeting. Kevin presented Kathy with the Chairman's Award. Anita Simmons presented Kathy with the Staff Appreciation Award.

**Executive Director's Report**

Kathy Stewart thanked the team and board for her tenure at UDI.

## **Committee Reports**

- Nominating Committee
  - Katy Slade presented the 2023 Nominating Committee Report.
    - Phil Cobb motioned to approve the proposed 2023 slate. Tony Page seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.
- McKinney Avenue Transit Authority (“MATA”) Committee
  - Neal Sleeper reported that MATA had a very good year. Ridership is down 30% from last year.
- Public Realm and Capital Improvements Committee
  - Joseph Pitchford updated the Board on the accomplishments of the PR & CI Committee in 2022.
- Public Safety Committee
  - Kelem Butts reported on the initiatives UDI is implementing to improve the safety in Uptown. Michelle Smith, UDI’s homeless outreach coordinator, has been able to report that homelessness in Uptown has been reduced due to UDI’s efforts.
- Two Way Reversion Committee
  - Katy Slade reported that Michael Morris approved overspending. There is now a 30% set of plans for the full project. However, the plans did not include the requested items by UDI’s team.
- Marketing, Outreach and Placemaking Committee
  - Anita Simmons, UDI Director of Marketing, Outreach and Placemaking, updated the Board on the 2022 events. The Board had rave reviews!
- Maintenance Committee
  - John Armstrong, UDI Maintenance Chair, reported on the current maintenance initiatives.

## **Stakeholder Update**

- Councilmember Paul Ridley commended the Board on their commitment to the neighborhood.
- Kevin Hickman gave an update on the search committee for the new executive director.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:52 PM.

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Submitted by Bailey Sanders