



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 2023 ~8:30am

Downtown Tempe Authority

**ATTENDING:** Charles Goffnett      Arlene Chin (Virtual)      Michael Martin      Angela Topolosek (Virtual)  
Jarett Brock (Virtual)      Rosa Inchausti (Virtual)      Colin Diaz  
Tim Gomez      Curt Kremer      Dana Gillis  
Christopher Palma      Hassan Elsaad      Charles Huellmantel (Virtual)

**STAFF:** Lori Foster      Jane Mittness      Adam Jones      Anthony Strait

**ABSENT:** Julian Wright      Kelly Kalmbrunn  
Eric Sather      James Neal      Danielle Gilligan

Meeting called to order at 8:32am.

- A. CONSENT PACKET** – Charles Goffnett motioned approval, seconded by Charles Huellmantel. Motion carried.
- B. STAFF UPDATE - EVENTS** – Lori Foster discussed that we are entering our busiest time for the event season. Coming up in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter are 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays, Halloween Stroll, Street Parade & Tree Lighting (Rosa Inchausti is the Grand Marshall), Fall Tempe Festival of the Arts, Menorah Lighting, Boat Parade and Tempe Blooms. Lori asked the board for any volunteers with our events, specifically the Halloween Stroll that was coming up at the end of October.
- C. CITY OF TEMPE UPDATE** – Rosa Inchausti presented an overview of the issues she is working on in her new position as City Manager, to include the 4 pillars: Community Safety & Public Health, infrastructure (Streets & Alleys), Community/Neighborhoods and Municipal Services/Organizational Capacity & Employees.
- D. TEMPE TOURISM UPDATE** – Michael Martin discussed the possibility of a website refresh for Tempe Tourism as well as a rebranding effort they will be working on. He welcomed the AZ Theatre Company to their new home at TCA with a tour of dining options in the area.
- E. TEMPE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE** – Colin Diaz reminded the board of the State of the City on December 8<sup>th</sup>. He also announced a new quarterly magazine that will be launched by the Tempe Chamber in January of 2024.
- F. PRESIDENT'S UPDATE** – Lori Foster - DTA has some seats available for the State of the City if any board members would like to attend.
  - a.** Operations Transition – With the departure of Adam Jones of 14 years, Anthony Strait will be taking on Adam's role. Lori and several board members expressed their appreciation to Adam for the many years of service and dedication to the organization.
  - b.** Sponsorship: Lori asked the board members to consider sponsorship and to refer anyone that might be interested.

**G. NEW BUSINESS** –Tim Gomez reminded the board of ASU homecoming on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

**H. ADJOURN** - Curt Kremer moved to adjourn, seconded by Chris Palma. Meeting adjourned at 9:24am

**NEXT MEETING – December 20, 2023 at 8:30am**