



ARTS DISTRICT LOS ANGELES

ANNUAL BID MINUTES

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 1:30 p.m.

Arts District BID Office
1801 E. 7th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90021

I. Call to Order

Chairman Frank Gallo called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

II. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Gallo asked for public comments. Marquez commented that there will be a new smart restroom installed at the Little Tokyo/Arts District Metro Station. He also added that Metro will soon start enforcing fare evasion. He said riders disembarking at Union Station will soon have to tap to exit. Nina Suh-Toma the field representative from the Assemblymember's office introduced herself and encouraged the group to reach out for any state-related needs and will be attending meetings in the future to update the group on important legislative information, such as combatting copper wire theft.

III. Approval of the BID Board Meeting Minutes

Gallo asked for a motion to approve the minutes from November 2024. Phillips motioned to approve the minutes, which were seconded by Normandin. The minutes were approved, unanimously.

IV. Financial Report

Vargas went over the financial report for January 2025. He began by highlighting the revenue received in the month. He then moved on to cover the expenses for the month, including administrative, maintenance, and public safety expenses. Gallo asked for a motion to approve the January financial reports. Phillips motioned to approve the reports and Normandin seconded the motion. The financial reports were approved for January, unanimously.

Vargas reviewed the budget for 2025 with the Board. We walked through projected revenue, administration expenses, maintenance expenses and safety expenses. A few Board members had specific questions on certain line items, which Vargas answered. Vargas also pointed out that rather than hiring an additional person for the maintenance team, the budget reflects the purchase of 162 trash cans. Gallo asked for a motion to approve the 2025 budget. Normandin motioned to approve the budget and Bhavnani seconded the motion. The 2025 budget was approved, unanimously.

V. Operations Report

Ernesto Ramirez from Chrysalis reviewed the January maintenance statistics. He presented key beautification numbers for the month, including the number of times trees were watered, vandalism updates, and trash hauled. Gallo thanked Ramirez for the update.

Captain Avina reviewed the safety report and reported that there had been less vehicle break-ins across neighborhoods for that month. He proceeded with the rest of the report, citing incidences for that month. Gallo thanked Captain Avina for the update.

VI. Executive Director

Vargas thanked everyone for attending the meeting and reported that the health of the neighborhood is looking good. He commented on the progress of a few ongoing construction and murals in the coming year.

VII. New Business

Gallo announced that it was time for ADLA's annual elections. He asked Vargas to present this item. Vargas asked Board Members to review the staff Report on Board elections. Vargas walked the Board through the Nominating Committee's recommendation to reelect all Board members up for election and to remove both Chris Pearson and Thomas Wulf, who no longer meet the criteria for staying on the Board. Gallo asked for a motion to renominate everyone. Normandin motioned and Phillips seconded. The motion passed, unanimously.

The Board moved on to discuss the Secretary and the Treasurer positions which were up for a vote. Vargas stated that if any Board Member was interested in the position, they should speak up now. Phillips commented that both Bhavnani and Klein have been doing a great job and should continue on. Phillips nominated Bhavnani as treasurer and Klein as Secretary. The motion is passed, unanimously.

VIII. Chairman's Report

Gallo thanked everyone for attending.

IX. Meeting Adjourn

Gallo adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Board Member Attendance

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	PRESENT	ABSENT	BOARD OF DIRECTORS	PRESENT	ABSENT
Pouya Abdi	X		Adam Normandin	X	
Yuval Bar-Zemer		X	Lauren Phillips	X	
Dilip Bhavnani	X		Matthew Quiat	X	
Frank Gallo	X		Mark Rothenberg	X	
David Greenberg	X		Cindy Schwarzstein		X
Paul Holliday	X		Michael Soroudi		X
Dennis Kim	X		David Stahl	X	
Matt Klein	X		Beth Stryker	X	
Rebecca Liu-Morales	X		Lisa Vacca-Brown	X	
Matthew Marquez	X		Shep Wainwright	X	
Valerie Mitchell	X				