



ARTS DISTRICT LOS ANGELES

BID MINUTES

Wednesday, April 16, 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 2 p.m.

II. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

Gallo asked for public comments. Nina Suh-Toma from the Assemblymember's office introduced herself and spoke about new bills currently under consideration related to downtown; a restaurant relief bill and copper wire thief prevention. Gallo thanked Suh-Toma.

Millie and Brian from Arts District Brewing introduced themselves and greeted everyone. Gallo thanked them.

III. **Approval of the BID Board Meeting Minutes**

Gallo asked for a motion to approve the minutes from March. Kim motioned to approve the minutes, which were seconded by Stryker. The minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. **Financial Report**

Vargas went over the financial report for March 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 March financial reports. Normandin motioned to approve the reports, and Bhavnani seconded the motion. The financial reports were approved for March unanimously.

V. **Operations Report**

Ernesto Ramirez from Chrysalis reviewed the March 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 more vehicle break-ins in the Arts District for that month. He proceeded with the rest of the report, citing incidences in March. Phillips and Gallo asked about ways more residents can report a crime, and the group began to discuss copper wire theft deterrents. Gallo thanked Captain Avina for the update.

VI. **Executive Director**

Vargas thanked everyone for attending the meeting and reported that 162 trash cans have arrived and are in the process of getting installed around the neighborhood, he added that there are 60 cans on the streets. Phillips said the

Barker Block would interested in purchasing cans so they can be installed around their residential building. Vargas thanks Phillips for the recommendation and said he would follow up.

Per what was discussed last month, Vargas informed the group that he and Gallo met with the City's Bureau of Engineering, and they agreed to give advanced warning in the event of shutting down a street or a lane.

Vargas encouraged the Board to write a letter to the Mayor regarding the City's budget, to request an increase in police overtime. Gallo thanked Vargas.

VII. New Business

Gallo asked for comments on new business. Mitchell commented on the poor maintenance of the First Street Bridge and who the group can communicate with about the issue. Vargas recommended writing to the Councilmember. Mitchell motioned to invite the Councilmember to a BID meeting.

VIII. Chairman's Report

Gallo thanked everyone for attending.

IX. Meeting Adjourn

Gallo adjourned the meeting at 2:33 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
Valerie Mitchell	X		Danielle Valentino	X	