

EAST END DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 23, 2024

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the East End District (the "District" or "EED") met in regular session, open to the public, at 3211 Harrisburg, Houston, Texas 77003 on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. The roll was called for the members of the Board, to-wit:

Position 1	Anna Deans	
Position 2	Blanca Blanco	Secretary
Position 3	Stephen Quezada	Chairman
Position 4	Vacant	
Position 5	Roy Lira	
Position 6	Joe Meppelink	Assistant Treasurer
Position 7	Lani Baker	
Position 8	Jose Valdez	
Position 9	Erik Ibarra	
Position 10	Vacant	
Position 11	Taryn Sims	Assistant Secretary
Position 12	Elliot Barner	Vice Chairman
Position 13	Chude Chike-Obi	
Position 14	Marjorie Peña	
Position 15	Victoria Macalino	

and all of the above were present except Directors Sims, Barner, Chike-Obe, and Macalino, thereby establishing a quorum.

Also present during all or part of the meeting were Veronica Chapa Gorczyński, the District's President; Eva Quiroz, the District's Administrative Services Manager; Dan Joyce, the District's Vice President; Jack Hanagriff, the District's Railroad Safety and Mobility Coordinator; Julian Garcia, the District's Farmers' Market Manager; Robert Ruiz the District's Public Safety Coordinator; Ariel Robinstein, the District's Operations Coordinator; Markisha Sampson of Your Part-Time Controller, LLC; Deputy Macias of Harris County Precinct 6 ("Precinct 6"); Patrick Ezzell of Coastal Builders; and Laura Davis and Audrey Lyons (Paralegal) of Sanford Kuhl Hagan Kugle Parker Kahn LLP.

Item 1. Receive Public Comments in accordance with adopted procedures.

There were no public comments.

Item 2. Consent Agenda.

- a. **Assessments.** Receive report on collection of assessments and authorize appropriate action.
- b. **Minutes.** Approve minutes of previous Board meeting(s).

The Board considered approving the Consent Agenda. Director Meppelink moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Director Blanco seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Item 3. Financial Reports.

Ms. Sampson reviewed the monthly Financial Reports for April 2024, including the Investment Report as of April 30, 2024 (the "Reports").

After discussion, Director Pena moved to approve the Report, as presented. Director Blanco seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Item 4. Security Report.

Deputy Macias reported on criminal activity in the District for the month of April 2024. No action was necessary.

Mr. Ruiz reviewed Part 1 crimes and the year-to-date comparison by category, noting an overall 6% decrease from 2023 to 2024. No action was necessary.

Item 5. Homelessness Report.

Mr. Ruiz reviewed a report on security-related challenges with the homeless population in the District. Mr. Ruiz stated that he is looking into options for addressing the issues, including engaging SEARCH outreach. No action was necessary.

Item 6. Civility Ordinance Report.

Mr. Joyce reviewed the Civility Ordinance map, petition process, and potential timeframe for completion. No action was necessary.

Item 7. District Staff Insurance Purchase.

President Gorczynski presented and reviewed a proposal for the renewal of District staff health insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. She stated the total renewal will be approximately \$119,514.24 per year, which is within the budget of the District. She also stated that the Executive Committee has reviewed and approved this recommendation.

After discussion, Director Ibarra moved to approve the proposal from BCBS and purchase renewal of the employee health insurance for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Director Valdez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Item 8. Allocation of Funds toward Navigation/Runnels/Jensen Roundabout.

Mr. Ezzell presented and reviewed a memo regarding a proposed increase in the contingency reserve for the Navigation/Runnels/Jensen Roundabout. He recommended increasing the contingency reserve to \$300,000.00 to complete the project.

After thorough discussion, Director Lira moved to approve the proposed \$300,000 increase in the contingency reserve for the Navigation/Runnels/Jensen Roundabout. Director Meppelink seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Item 9. Amendment 22 Coastal Builders: Lockwood Intermodal Sidewalk Project.

Mr. Ezzell reviewed Amendment No. 22 to the Service Agreement for additional project management services in the amount of \$78,681.00.

After discussion, Director Meppelink moved to approve Amendment No. 22, as presented. Director Blanco seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Director Baker exited the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

Director Meppelink exited the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

Item 10. President's Report – District Overview.

Mr. Garcia reported on the activity at the navigation market, including maintenance performed at the Esplanade.

Mr. Joyce updated the Board on EEIC and Street Fest matters.

Ms. Robinstein updated the Board on the graffiti abatement program and illegal dumping.

Mr. Ezzell updated the Board on the Roundabout and sidewalk improvements.

Mr. Joyce reviewed marketing outreach and efforts. He stated that final considerations for the head of marketing and communications position are currently underway.

Item 11. Executive Session, if Necessary.

The Board did not convene in Executive Session.

Item 12. Reconvene in Open Session.

The Board did not convene in Executive Session.

Item 13. Adjourn.

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned at 5:17 p.m.



Blanca Blanco

East End District