

MINUTES
SALT LAKE CITY
BUSINESS ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, July 21st, 2021
3:30pm – 4pm

SPECIAL MEETING

This meeting will be an electronic meeting pursuant to [Salt Lake City Emergency Proclamation No. 2 of 2020 \(2\)\(b\)](#).

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I, Darin Piccoli, Chairperson of the Business Advisory Board, hereby determine that conducting the Business Advisory Board meeting at an anchor location presents a substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present at the anchor location.

Due to the state of emergency caused by the global pandemic, I find that conducting a meeting at an anchor location under the current state of public health emergency constitutes a substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present at the location.

1. Roll call

The following members of the Business Advisory Board were present:

Darin Piccoli, Chair
Jeff Carleton
JD Smith

Kestrel Liedtke, Vice-Chair
Karen Gunn
Sue Rice

The following members of the Business Advisory Board were absent:

Abudujannah Soud
Alfonso Brito

Angela Brown

Also Present:

Veronica Cavanagh, Department of Economic Development; Lorena Riffo Jenson, Department of Economic Development; Roberta Reichgelt, Department of Economic Development; Will Wright, Department of Economic Development; Peter Makowski, Department of Economic Development; Jacob Maxwell, Department of Economic Development; Andrew Wittenberg, Department of Economic Development; Clark Cahoon, Department of Economic Development; Allison Rowland, Salt Lake City Council Office; Scott Howell, Pioneer Coalition.

2. Business Item

A. Discuss Grand America/Downtown Safety Meeting and BAB representation

Chairperson Piccoli said he reached out to Susanne Maitzen regarding BAB members participating in the Grand America/Downtown Safety meeting. Ms. Maitzen felt having representatives from BAB attend would be helpful.

Chairperson Piccoli stated the next two meetings are being held on July 27, 2021 and August 4, 2021. He asked if any BAB members would be available to attend. Mr. Carlton and Vice Chairperson Liedtke volunteered to attend.

Mr. Carlton asked if Grand America was taking a lead role in organizing the discussion in policing and homelessness. Chairperson Piccoli said yes that they are leading this charge and will have people speaking on behalf of their business. Scott Howell from the Pioneer Coalition added that he has also been working with Grand America on a safety committee group because of what is happening downtown. They have been losing businesses so they are engaging businesses, public safety, the State, and the Grand America will also be hosting the meetings.

B. Make a motion to approve letter to Mayor and City Council

Ms. Reichgelt presented the draft letter for BAB members to review.

Ms. Gunn asked if the letter is being used in conjunction with the Grand America. Chairperson Piccoli said no these are two separate initiatives. Ms. Gunn asked if the letter would be presented to the Grand America. Chairperson Piccoli said they are on parallel paths but would not be presented to the Grand America, but BAB members present can speak as to what we have done.

Mr. Carlton stated he was concerned with putting “policing and homelessness” into one bucket. He also added he was struggling with what the role of BAB is with this initiative. Chairperson Piccoli said the letter is to create a collective voice for business owners and to call out the City regarding crime and homelessness.

Director Kolendar explained that the letter has two parts:

1. The letter highlights the issues the business community is seeing and to inform the City of it
2. BAB supports the City and want to be a voice and advocate for the City.

Chairperson Piccoli suggested adding a statement concerning the City reaching out to State and County officials regarding these issues. BAB members agreed.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the letter as presented with the addition of encouraging the City to reach out to County and State officials. Once the letter is finalized it should be forwarded to the Salt Lake City Council. Mr. Carlton seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the motion passed unanimously.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


darin piccoli (Sep 22, 2021 14:48 MDT)
Darin Piccoli, Chairperson

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