# Sonoma Tourism Improvement District Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for September 13th, 2018

Present: Sue Casey, Norm Krug, Zac Weinberg, Dan Parks, Tim Zahner, Jay Garrett, Brian Montenez Absent: Madolyn Agrimonti, Cathy Capriola, Ruben Cambero Sedano, Kaala Stewart

### **Call to Order/Introductions:**

**Norman Krug** 

Tim Zahner provided background summary including previous work at Sonoma County Tourism. Brief introduction to SVVB, his experience starting on August  $20^{th}$  and immediate goals.

**Public Comment: None** 

**Consent Items: None** 

<u>Information Items:</u> Norman Krug

1) Financial Update:

Dan Parks

Review of Financials. Dan had a meeting with City of Sonoma to discuss collection and distribution policy. No change to collection, but plan on resuming previous schedule and accounting method.

2) Marketing Update:

Tim Zahner

Review of Media Plan and marketing plan. This included a conversation about off-season events and additional sponsorship for the plaza holiday lighting and event. SVVB planning one year fire response plan.

Tourism Economic Impact Study: Tim to contact SVVB Board and TID Board to review study and request follow-up questions. He will also contact Zachary Sears to schedule a follow-up call for our October TID meeting. City Council review to follow October meeting.

3) City of Sonoma Update

Sue Casey

Sue Casey presented due to Cathy's absence. TOT will be on November ballot

4) Sonoma County Lodging Association Update

**Brian Montenez** 

Transition to Sonoma County Hospitality Association. Upcoming disaster planning event. Mixer planned for September 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Action Items:**

#### 1) Approval of Minutes:

**Norman Krug** 

The August 9, 2018 STID meeting minutes approved. Motion by Zac Weinberg. Second by Dan Parks. Passed unanimously.

#### 2) Grant Application Review:

Zac Weinberg

Review grant applications and approve funding.

- Sonoma International Film Festival: Motion by Dan Parks to provide \$10,000. Second by Brian Montenez. Motion passed unanimously
- Sonoma Valley Vintners & Growers: Motion by Zac Weinberg to provide \$2,500. Second by Brian Montenez. Motion passed unanimously
- B.R Cohen: Motion by Zac Weinberg to provide \$2,500. Second by Dan Parks. Motion passed unanimously
- Sonoma Valley Museum of Art: Motion by Brian Montenez to provide \$2,500. Second by Jay Garrett. Motion passed unanimously
- Transcendance Theatre Company: Motion by Zac Weinberg to provide \$5,000. Second by Dan Parks. Motion passed unanimously

- Sonoma Chamber of Commerce: Motion by Zac Weinberg to provide \$2,500. Second by Brian Montenez. Motion passed unanimously
- Valley of the Moon Vintage Festival: Heritage event with \$10,000 annual contribution.

# 3) Consideration of Items for Future Agendas:

**Norman Krug** 

Economic Impact Study SVVB off-season events

## **Board Member Comments:**

Tim Zahner commented that SVBB Board is trying to arrange discussions with City Council candidates

## **Adjournment of Board Meeting:**

**Norman Krug** 

Motion by Brian Montenez. Second by Zac Weinberg. Motion passed unanimously