

**Dimond Improvement Association  
Board Meeting Minutes, 5/11/11 (APPROVED)**

**Board members present:** Tim Chapman, Stan Dodson, Fran Donohue, Chris Harper, Julie Johnson, Robert Raburn, Ashley Rogers, Tom Rose, Kathleen Russell, Rejoyce Stovall/Moss, Daniel Swafford, Tito Tayco; Bruce Stoffmacher, D4 Liaison (partial).

**Absent:** Abdo Alawdi, Karen Marie Schroeder, Victoria Wake

**Welcome** by Robert Raburn

**Prior meeting minutes:**

**March 10, 2011** meeting minutes (Julie Johnson) approved with a change regarding Just My Neighbors posting on the Dimond list serve. It was agreed that JMN can post on Dimond list serve twice a year if there is reciprocity that Dimond list serve will be announced on JMN list serves adjacent to Dimond. Meeting minutes approved with this change.

**April 14, 2011** meeting minutes (Robert Raburn); Robert will make changes. Meeting minutes approved with changes.

- Board member who takes minutes will forward “Approved Minutes” to Tim Chapman for posting on the DIA website.

**Notes by agenda topic:**

**Dimond Public Art (DPA) Recommendation: presentation by Ashley Rogers.**

See email from Ashley Rogers dated 5/10/11.

Robert complimented the DPA jury on extensive work. Motion made: accept DPA committee recommendations and assignment to DPA committee to proceed with these projects. Stan Dodson seconded this motion. Vote: 11 in favor; 1 not in favor. Motion passed. Grant projects and recipients include:

1. Farmer Joe’s mural: Debbie Koppman and Mandy Lockwood
2. Layered photo images in vinyl for Blockbuster windows (or another location to be decided): Peter Tonningsen and Lisa Levine
3. Layered photo/text images in vinyl to be placed on various electrical boxes: Querido Galdo
4. Dimond letterbox planters: Jeffrey Lim

**Dimond Park Picnic & Open House, July 24**

Robert: \$2000 additional funds needed for Circus Bella performance. Daniel: Glenview Neighborhood Association (GNA) will contribute \$500. Stan: communicate to public to bring a picnic to the park. Food to be discussed with Michelle and Abdo. Update at next board meeting. Motion made by Robert Raburn: contribution by DIA of \$500 toward Circus Bella. Motion seconded by Chris Harper. Unanimous vote in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

**Keep Dimond Clean**

Stan: contact has been made with Oakland School Police Department regarding youth/litter at bus stops in Dimond.

Kathleen: (committee includes Tom Rose and Marcia Leath)

Plans for June 2011-2012:

1. Banners will rotate in Dimond (4) for two weeks every month
2. Local schools will be invited to participate in slogan competition for next set of banners.
3. Discussion with D4 office to assist at continuing litter sites including CVS and bank properties.

Tim: conversation with Jim Lair, Superintendent East Oakland AC Transit. Suggests follow-up with Jim Lair regarding possibility of AC Transit employees talking to youth at bus stops. Next step: discuss with Victoria Wake.

**General Meeting June 1**

Robert: Topic is "Transportation". Guest speaker: David Ralston.

**Website Transition**

Robert: Database software is in staging. Pat Raburn and Karen Marie will populate the database. A calendar of work-in-progress will be requested from Matthias Thorlund.

**New Business**

- Motion by Tim Chapman: \$100 donation to Fruitvale Presbyterian Senior Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month lunch program. Kathleen Russell seconded this motion. Vote: 11 in favor; 1 not in favor. Motion passed.
- "Big Band Dance and Fashion Show" event idea by Rejoyce was distributed to board members; emailed to all board members on 5/12.
- DIA "hand-out" materials: new committee to be chaired by Fran, including Robert; revise "hand-out" brochure; design business reply envelope; button design
- Revisions made regarding chair assignments of DIA board meetings list (see revised chart)
- Agenda item requested for next board meeting: Blockbuster status.

**Next Board meeting:** Thursday, June 9, 2011 at NAMA.

Final minutes submitted by Kathleen Russell, June 12, 2011