GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 25, 2019
10 AM
DLBA Conference Room
100 W. Broadway, Suite 120, Long Beach, CA 90802

Voting Present: Silvano Merlo, Debra Johnson, Toliver Morris, Ryan Altoon
Voting Absent: Jeremy Harris, Griselda Suarez
DLBA Staff: Kraig Kojian, Cherisse Evans

1. CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS – Silvano Merlo, Chair
Meeting called to order at 10:13 am.

2. APPROVE MINUTES
ACTION: Approve Minutes from August 27, 2019 Meeting
MOTION: 1st Johnson. 2nd Morris.
VOTE: None opposed, no abstentions. Motion carries.

3. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – Merlo
A. Consider candidates to serve on 2019-20 Programming Committees
   i. Public Safety
      ACTION: Approve the following candidate to serve on the DLBA 2019-
               2020 Public Safety Committee for a one-year term beginning October 1,
               2019 and expiring on September 30, 2020 as presented or amended and
               contingent upon confirmation of willingness to serve:
                  1. Todd Lemmis, Pacific Six
                  2. Nick Padula, Non-Profit Senior Food Service
      MOTION: 1st Morris. 2nd Altoon.
      VOTE: None opposed, no abstentions. Motion carries.

   ii. Marketing & Communications
      ACTION: Approve the following candidates to serve on the DLBA
               2019-2020 Marketing & Communications Committee as presented or
               amended and contingent upon confirmation of willingness to serve:
                  1. Alishia Holmes-Watson- Proposed Chair (was previously
                     approved by Executive Committee as Vice-Chair)
                  2. Johanna Cunningham- Proposed Vice Chair
                  3. Melissa Infusino, LBCC
                  4. Aimee Mandala, Environ Architects
                  5. Jane Delorenzis, Resident, Marketing Committee member
                     2018-19
      MOTION: 1st Morris. 2nd Johnson.
      VOTE: None opposed, no abstentions. Motion carries.

   iii. Special Events and Development
      ACTION: Approve the following candidate to serve on the DLBA 2019-
               2020 Special Events & Development Committee for a one-year term
               beginning October 1, 2019 and expiring on September 30, 2020 as
               presented or amended and contingent upon confirmation of willingness
               to serve: 
MOTION: 1st Altoon. 2nd Johnson.  
VOTE: None opposed, no abstentions. Motion carries

4. STAFF REPORT – Kraig Kojian, President and CEO
   A. Review Board Vacancies
      i. LBCC Vacancy
         • This seat has been vacant for a significant amount of time. Currently the LBCC has a
           scheduling conflict with our Board meetings.
         • Suggestions to change the designation and offer the seat to:
           o An honorary alumnus from LBCC
           o CVB
           o A representative from St. Mary’s
           o Another major Downtown stakeholder (not in our district)
         • Conclusion: Dissolve the seat designation as LBCC and open it up as another appointed
           advisor, making a maximum of six. This will require a Bylaw change, which can be added
           to the Annual Board meeting agenda on October 3.
      ii. CD1 (Residential) Representative Vacancy
          • Committee members bring suggestions back to fill both vacancies to the next committee
            meeting.
      iii. Review Board Recruitment Strategy & Candidate Submittal Process
          • A suggestion to amend the Board of Directors application form to make it required to
            answer the question “What would you like to achieve as a Board Member?”

5. ADJOURNMENT
   Meeting adjourned at 11:06 am.