Meeting Called to Order by Chair Carolyn Taylor at 7:03 a.m.

Present: Sharon Behm, Chair Carolyn Taylor (Happy Birthday January 7), Bob Monetza, Cara Galbavi, Todd Anthes, Dave Garland, Andy VanderHoek, Kristin Hibbard, Bob Warren, John Steinbeck, Cyndi Casemier

Absent: Kyle Doyon, Steve Lofts

Also Present: Jeremy Swiftney, Lynn Negen, Pat McGinnis

General Business Call to Audience
None

Consent Agenda
a. Approval of December 12, 2019 Minutes and Accept the December Financial Report
b. Columbus Avenue – Two-Way Traffic from 5th to Beacon Blvd
   i. R&R recommends approval
   ii. Executive Committee recommends approval
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   iii. Planning Commission Approved

Motion by Carolyn Taylor, second by Cyndi Casemier, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carries.

Chairperson’s Report
Mid-Year Review for Jeremy was distributed; please return to Carolyn by next Friday.

2020 Executive Committee Recommendations & Vote
Motion by Dave Garland, second by Bob Monetza, to approve the following slate of officers for 2020:
Carolyn Taylor – Chairperson
Todd Anthes – Vice-Chairperson
Kristin Hibbard – Treasurer
Cara Galbavi – Secretary
Sharon Behm – Past Chairperson
Motion carries.
Director's Report
a. Chinook Pier status and next steps
Jeremy explained that the mold issue at Chinook Pier was causing those tenants to be displaced immediately. He is working to help tenants find interim solutions. Pat asked if two MSDDA members could assist in helping select those displaced tenants that could go into available space at the Depot. Jeremy and Dave Garland volunteered to help out. Jeremy listed a variety of options he has identified for displaced tenants. Pop-up shops might also be an option.

Carolyn encouraged courageous, out-of-the box thinking to make the most of the potential changes. Todd reminded the group of Hyatt Palma recommendations from decades ago that investment could be better directed to side streets right off Washington. John reminded the Board that water is predicted to continue to rise and will impact any plans to build.

Pat commented that Jeremy had been polite, effective and discreet in helping identify options for tenants and financial impact on the MSDDA. Bob Monetza explained how the discussion developed at City Council and why things have unfolded as they have.

Miscellaneous
Pat reported that City staff is in discussions with MDOT and the Railroad about switching signals to accommodate two way traffic on Columbus.

Sharon reminded the Board about Wine About Winter on Friday, January 17 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Vicki Ellis, Kelly Larson and Jeremy are getting the word out.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:56 a.m.