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Proposed 2018 Work Plan

The Culver City Arts District Business Improvement District (CCAD BID) is comprised of numerous art galleries, architecture firms, creative businesses, specialty retail, restaurants, professional services and design/wholesale firms located on the east side of Culver City (Exhibit 1). Formed in February 2016, CCAD BID works to encourage engagement among the business community and to create/promote an identity for the area. Current objectives of the district include marketing and promotion, advocacy, and maintenance/beautification of the area to visually connect the community. Accomplishments to date include the creation of a brand style guide, social media marketing, increased streetscape maintenance, execution of two Artwalk events, and advocacy and partnership with the City of Culver City, Culver City Academy of Visual and Performing Arts, The Culver City Chamber of Commerce and other local arts agencies, a new street-pole banner program and the formation of a non-profit 501(c)(6). By pooling resources, business owners in the BID can collectively pay for activities which they may not be able to afford individually and can continue to revitalize and strengthen the Culver City Arts District.

#### **Boundaries**

The Arts District is primarily located along Washington Boulevard between Helms Avenue and Fairfax Avenue and along La Cienega Boulevard from Washington Boulevard to Blackwelder Street. In addition, the district encompasses a portion of Fairfax Avenue from Washington Boulevard to La Cienega Boulevard and Adams Street from Washington Boulevard to Fairfax Avenue. It also includes all of Perry Street, Smiley Drive, Blackwelder Street and Hines Avenue.

# **Advisory Board**

## Advisory Board

The BID is managed by the BID Advisory Board, which is appointed by the City Council. The Advisory Board recommends the following individuals be appointed to the 2018 BID Advisory Board:

- Member 1 Art Gallery Owner/Operator or Other Primary Josetta Sbeglia
- Member 2 Creative Services Professional/Design or Other Primary Chris Pagani
- Member 3 Restaurant/Food Services/Retail/ or Other Primary George Montgomery
- Member 4 Consultant/Professional Services/ or Other Secondary Rosey Miller
- Member 5 Commercial Sublease/Property Owner/ or Other Secondary Janiece Russell
- Member 6 Service/or Other Secondary or Tertiary Lee Chernotsky

# **Proposed Improvements and Activities for 2018**

The activities proposed for the 2018 CCAD BID are focused in three areas: maintenance/beautification, advocacy/administration, and marketing and promotion.

# Maintenance/Beautification

- Continue to increase street maintenance beyond the city standard to improve appearance, walkability and safety with additional weeding, sweeping and trash pick-up in landscaped areas
- Explore decorative lighting plan to visually connect all areas of the district and implement improvements per budget availability.
- Finalize "film" tree surrounds design and implement in phases per budget availability and explore an "adopt a tree" program.
- Install "Welcome to the Culver City Arts District" signs to identify the City's gateway at Fairfax Avenue in coordination with City.
- Abate graffiti and enhance the neighborhood watch for the area.

## **Advocacy/Administration**

- Address the City Council and the community with one voice to strengthen partnerships with community organizations.
- Partner with the City to enhance multi-mobility and circulation throughout the District. Continue to explore parking opportunities and additional crosswalks in collaboration with City's Parking and Traffic Subcommittee.
- Explore and pursue grant opportunities.
- Maintain Active Member Directory on CCAD website.
- Maintain a reserve fund for unforeseen expenses.
- Hire a part-time Executive Director to oversee the administrative functions of the BID.

## Marketing/Events/Promotion

- Engage a part-time consultant to develop/maintain website, coordinate social media, and blogs/newsletters, and develop/maintain relationships with businesses located within the district.
- Plan and implement Artwalk 2018 with the City, Culver City Academy of Visual and Performing Arts and other organizations.
- Produce a spring fundraiser and auction in partnership with local business to increase BID funding for capital improvements.

#### Annual Assessment

The CCAD BID is an annually renewable program. Funding to implement the annual work plan is collected via assessments to businesses. Funds may only be used on the approved programs within the CCAD BID.

The Assessment Schedule has three levels based on both the City's business license activity codes as well as the physical location of the businesses within the district.

## Business Activity

Those businesses that have business activity codes that reflect "creative" or artistic enterprise, support artistic or creative enterprise in the arts (art, architecture, marketing, entertainment, production, design services, culinary, etc.) or directly benefit from these enterprises (retail, restaurant, etc.) are identified as primary beneficiaries. Those businesses whose activity may not be directly related to the arts but that support the arts/creative businesses or its employees and/or receive some benefit by being part of an "arts" or organized district are classified as secondary beneficiaries. All other businesses in the CCAD will be classified as tertiary. Tertiary beneficiaries, similar to primary and secondary businesses, will derive benefits from the maintenance, beautification and business promotion services provided by the CCAD.

#### Location

Most of the businesses within the Arts District are located on the Washington Blvd. and La Cienega Blvd. commercial corridors.

For businesses along Washington Blvd. and La Cienega Blvd., the levels are as follows:

Primary - \$300 annually

Secondary - \$200 annually

Tertiary- \$100 annually

For those businesses along Smiley Dr., Blackwelder Street, Adams Street, Fairfax Avenue or Perry Drive, a 25% reduced assessment is proposed for the first few years until/when the district can integrate the Arts District brand more fully throughout these areas via banners, lighting and pedestrian improvements.

Primary - \$225 annually

Secondary - \$150 annually

Tertiary - \$75 annually

### **2017 Assessment Schedule**

A detailed listing of Business Activity Code and Benefit Level is noted below:

<u>Primary Benefit – Annual Fee</u> = \$300 (located on Washington Blvd. or La Cienega Blvd.)/ \$225 (located along Smiley Dr., Blackwelder Street, Adams Street, Hines Avenue, Fairfax Avenue or Perry Drive)

# **Business Activity**

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Code	Activity
144	misc. retail
152	graphic arts
157	art galleries
168	interior decoration
186	advertising/promotion
205	talent modeling agency
216	photography/studio
225	public relations
294	architect
390	restaurant no alcohol
396	food retail
399	liquor
410	school
488-490	entertainment industry
540	clothing-retail
666-678, 690	restaurant serving alcohol
828	rentals - back drops/cameras

<u>Secondary Benefit – Annual Fee</u> = \$200 (located on Washington Blvd. or La Cienega Blvd.)/ \$150 (located along Smiley Dr., Blackwelder Street. Adams Street, Hines Avenue, Fairfax Avenue or Perry Drive)

# **Business Activity**

Code	Activity
138	wall paper/paint retail
160	sale of real property
162	tailor/alteration

180	misc. trade/service
198	consultant misc.
222	property management
255	woodworking/cabinetry
276	beauty shop
288	accountant cpa
300	attorney
306	dentist
312	therapist/doctor
314	chiropractic
339	professional services
336-37	real estate brokers
348	travel agency
384	newspaper/publications
402	pharmacy/drugs
414	apartment rentals
432	commercial property sublease
474	manufacturing/retail/wholesale
558	telephone service
774	health/spa fitness
822	rentals - motor
894	animal hospital

<u>Tertiary Benefit – Annual Fee</u> = \$100 (located on Washington Blvd. or La Cienega Blvd.)/ \$75 (located along Smiley Dr., Blackwelder Street. Adams Street, Hines Avenue, Fairfax Avenue or Perry Drive)

# **Business Activity**

Code	Activity
102	lumber/building supplies
108	mail order/retail
192	business office service
200	computer services
204	staffing employment
208	insurance
227	coach/teacher
354	contractor in city
420	autos/auto repairs
438	laundry/dry cleaning
444	gasoline
505	computer repair services
510	repair services misc.

528	warehouse < 5,000 sq. ft.
534	warehouse < 10,000 sq. ft.
552	wholesale
784	export/import
786	impound yard
862	used car sales
864	towing
882	used motor vehicle sales

#### Notes:

- Fee for individual business owners with multiple business licenses/operations at the same address will be based on the single highest category reflective of their primary business operation. In the event of a dispute, the CCAD Advisory Board shall review the request and make disposition on the appropriate category.
- 2. Business Owners with multiple business locations within the BID area will be assessed separately at each location.
- 3. Commercial rentals will be assessed for each building location, not each tenant space.
- Multiple independent business owners at the same address will be assessed separately at their respective rates excluding beauty and health service professionals.
- 5. Non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations are not assessed.

The above codes represent known business activity currently within the district. New businesses that are within the district will be assessed on a pro-rata basis. If a business code is not listed above, beneficiary level will be determined by the advisory board or default to a tertiary level until the work plan can be updated.

# 2018 Proposed Budget and Collection

The CCAD will work with the City to develop an appropriate collection schedule to encourage full payment and receipt of the assessment fees. Carryover funds may be used to augment budgeted expenses if revenues fall short. If any additional funds are received beyond anticipated revenues (or excess carryover) they shall be allocated to the Maintenance/Beautification line item.

Estimated Revenues: \$53,175

# Proposed Expenses:

Maintenance/Beautification: \$11,600

Advocacy/Administration: \$16,990

Marketing/Events: \$17,500

Total \$46,090

# **EXHIBIT 1**

# **Arts District Boundaries**

