

**BRIDGEPORT DOWNTOWN SPECIAL SERVICES DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 17, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

The DSSD Board of Commissioners Meeting took place via video and telephone conference.

In attendance:

Commissioners

Phil Pires, C & W Associates II, Chair
Kim Morque, Main State Ventures, Vice Chair
Eric Gross, John Broadcannon, Treasurer
Karolyn Egbert, Trefz Corporation
Fred Frassinelli, AMS Real Estate
David Iassogna, People's United Bank
Max Pastor, Bordentown DB, LLC

Staff

Lauren Coakley Vincent, DSSD President

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pires called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

II. CREATIVE PLACEMAKING BUDGET REQUESTS

The board reviewed the compiled list of requests received and vetted by both the Special Events and Marketing Committee and Executive Committee for available Creative Placemaking funds. DSSD President Lauren Coakley Vincent noted that the Downtown Thursdays organizers had decided to cancel the concert planned for August 26th, due to the rising number of COVID-19 cases. With that request removed, the board considered the following events at the indicated sponsorship levels:

- [Bridgeport Jazz Fest](#) \$500: The music event is planned for Saturday, August 28th from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. in McLevy Green. The DSSD will also provide in-kind event support in the form of digital promotion and trash removal after the event.
- [ARTcade](#) up to \$3,700: The DSSD funds would support live music entertainment at the September, October, and November dates of the event.
- [Bridgeport Art Trail](#) \$5,000: The annual event is planned for November 11 to November 14, 2021 in venues across the city. The DSSD funds will underwrite the cost of the kickoff party at the Read's Artspace Gallery, as well as Art Trail activities at participating Downtown venues, such as City Lights Gallery, The Firm Art Gallery, BPT Creates, Ursa Gallery, and others in the Arcade Mall. The DSSD will also provide in-kind event support in the form of digital promotion.

Commissioner Morque made a motion to approve the list of requests as presented. Commissioner Iassogna seconded the request, and it was unanimously approved.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Pires called for the meeting to be adjourned at 9:36 a.m.