

### MALC AGENDA

### **Annual MALC Meeting**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

### November 19, 2020

### 4:00PM

# Mobile Convention Center Room 201-A 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

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- II. Approval of 11.5.20 Minutes Kent
- III. Review of Delinquent Properties July -September Kent
  - a. City Responsibility for collections
- IV. FY 2021 Budget Presentation Margo
  - a. Questions for MALC Stakeholders
  - b. Motion to approve MALC FY 2021 Budget
- V. MALC Committees Margo
- VI. MALC Committees —Chair + 4 members review expectations
  - a. Finance Committee-Teresa will chair. Ken P, Kent B
  - b. Marketing Committee-Emily will chair. Duncan M., Pinal, Raj D, Willie, Shannon
  - c. Capital Committee-Margo will chair
  - d. Nominating Committee-TBA July 2021
- VII. Future Meeting Dates December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 and January 21, 2021
- VIII. Adjourn



# Proposed Capital Projects FY 2021 - \$172,440 + \$46,440 (Carry Over 2020) = \$218,880

- 1. Tillman's Corner Gateway Entrance
- 2. Soccer Complex Pavilion, Lighting, Signage
- 3. Wayfinding Signage
- 4. Attractions uniform Ticket Sales
- 5. SCAD



### **MALC MINUTES**

## FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 5, 2020

4:00PM

### Room 107 A&B

Board of Directors-Present: Duncan Millar, Kent Blackinton, Margo Gilbert, Teresa Floyd, Raj Desai, Ken Patel and Judy Gulledge. Not Present: Hunter Omainsky, David Clark, Levon Manzie and Nick Patel.

- I. **Call to Order**-Meeting called to order by Kent at 4:04.
- II. Introductions-Present were Emily Gonzales, Duncan Millar, Kent Blackinton, Margo Gilbert, Teresa Floyd, Bobby Hall, Raj Desai and Judy Gulledge. All said a quick introduction. Ken Patel arrived after introductions.
- III. Approval of 10.15.20 Minutes-Motion by Judy, second by Margo
- IV. **Presentation of BOD Binder**-Kent explained all the tabs in the binder. Some will be filled in as we go along.
- V. **Review High Level responsibilities of BOD**-We receive money from the city collection of the TID and follow the District Management plan used to set thing up for the spending of the funds. Participation of the board is key for us to be successful.
- VI. **Establish Meeting Dates, Times & Frequency**-There was a discussion of the next meeting that was decided to be the Annual Meeting. November 19<sup>th</sup> was decided as the date for this. The budget will be presented at this meeting and at the Convention Center open to all. December 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the next one to avoid holiday schedules. The marketing spend will be the primary discussion at this meeting. January 21<sup>st</sup> will be the next meeting after December. From there we may go to every other month on meetings for now.
- VII. **Review Insurance Coverage & Approve** The Roux Company LLC-Individual protections for the corporation board. Teresa motioned to approve, Judy seconded. Unanimous vote to accept.

- VIII. Approval of Attorney on Retainer Preston Bolt, Hand Arendall-It was discussed that it would not be bad to have one on retainer. Preston has been very involved with the TID process and quite aware of how things work. He can help amend the bylaws as needed. Fee would be about \$5,000. Discussion was positive. Motion to accept putting Preston on retainer by Duncan and seconded by Judy. Motion passed unanimously.
- IX. **Review CPA Roles and responsibilities**-Pretty much the same information as discussed last meeting. There have been talks about expanding the role in the near future. We discussed how to disperse the funds in the future. It was mentioned by Bobby that they have insurance for his employee conduct as well that is an extra level of protection.
- X. Review Hotels past due discussion on delinquent payments penalty/interest/liens/city audit-No exact details yet on this. City will have the ability to penalize late payments as set by the DMP. All collection of the fees is done in the online payment portal for taxes. There will be work done to get the list of properties with past due payments and an effort will be taken to contact them and get things moving. As properties get caught up the payments should be pretty consistent to what the totals are for collection.
- XI. **Recommend to amend the following to MALC By-Laws** possible hold over-Held over to next meeting.
- XII. **Conflict of Interest Policy & Disclosure of Business Relationship BOD to sign**-See attached for disclosure statements. All board members will read and sign then return to be on file.
- XIII. **Marketing Plan Overview**-Emily discussed. Basically, things are the same as were presented in last meeting.
- XIV. **Approve FY 2021 Budget**-As presented at last meeting. Books will be kept on a cash basis not on payables. There will be a blast sent out to all hotels about collections. Marketing committee will meet before December meeting. Motion to approve budget by Duncan, seconded by Teresa. Motion passed with unanimous vote.
- XV. **Discussion 1st Capital commitment**-See attached list for possible projects. It was mentioned that there is no concession stand or any permanent bathrooms at the soccer complex and that would be a very worth while project. The entry into Tillman's Corner was also discussed as a nice addition to the area. The committee will discuss more in detail when it meets.
- XVI. **Committee Nominations** –Chair + 4 members review expectations
  - a. Finance Committee-Teresa is chair. Ken will also serve on this committee.
  - b. Marketing Committee-Emily will chair. Duncan and Raj will serve. Discussed that Shannon Harris may be a good one to have on the committee as well as Willie from the Perdido Queen.
  - c. **Capital Committee**-Margo will chair. No others have asked to be on this committee as of yet.
  - d. **Nominating Committee**-We will work on filling this one as we get further into things. No need for the near future.
- XVII. Adjourn-Meeting adjourned at 5:27 by Kent.

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### **MALC Budget Marketing Plan Cheat Sheet**

### Data Research:

- Arrivalist is a research company that will supply us with demographic data on people traveling
  to Mobile. The data will show visitor origin, length of stay, etc. and can even track the visit by set
  Points of Interest (we can cluster the POIs by Tillman's Corner Hotels, Beltline Hotels, etc.) not
  just the destination. The negotiated proposal will track both cellular apps and auto of an
  unspecified Detroit automaker. Dashboards, a full year lookback window, and 2 robust reports
  will be included.
- The quote for the **kiosk** is for 3, large, free-standing OmniEx machines that incorporated into the Visit Mobile API and act as a stand-alone concierge for the city. This is also a way for us to do localized research asking visitors questions about their stay(s) in Mobile.

### **Digital Ads:**

- Conversant is a trusted digital media company that specializes in highly focused purchases of Banner Ads. In addition to the focus media buying, they will supply MALC with 3 reports that supply demographic and geographic data along with data on visitor spend while they are in market (for lodging, restaurants, grocery/pharmacy, gas, and more). The reporting also includes valuable information regarding return on ad spend (ROAS).
- Compass is a Google certified digital media company that Visit Mobile uses for Search Engine
  Marketing (aka SEM/SEARCH) which are the text ad campaigns one sees doing a search on any
  web platform.
- Opportunities Unknown is self-explanatory.

### Social Media:

 Social Media Ads on Facebook/Instagram/LinkedIn will have a similar focus to the traditional digital campaigns, simply on another advertising platform.

### OTA Ad:

Expedia Media Solutions is a highly focused outlet that allows us to target ad on Expedia.com,
Hotels.com, and VRBO.com. This buy targets individuals with an intent to travel to or through
Mobile along with those interested in close markets. The reporting also includes valuable
information regarding room night, flights and return on ad spend (ROAS).

### Magazine Print Ads / Advertorials:

- **Group Tour Media** is a publication focused on Group Tour Planners
- Black Meetings & Tourism is a highly focused publication specifically for the black traveler.
- Alabama Magazine focuses on all things Alabama and this will ensure Mobile has a presence in each issue.
- Opportunities Unknown is self-explanatory.

### **Press Trips:**

- General Travel Press Trips will focus on travel writers who specialize in covering a market / city / area for relevant publications & media outlets. Think: what does this city offer for everyone (a great food scene, diverse lodging options, attractions, arts and entertainment)?
- Cultural / Heritage Travel Press Trips will focus on this fast-growing market segment (highlighting Mobile's rich history and culture)

### Photography:

• Threshold360 is a company that will come into the market to take photos and virtual tours of each hotel in MALC and allow those to incorporate into Visit Mobile, Google Places, etc. There are also maps that can be created for special events, tours, and experiences.

### Video:

- Destination Branding Video for In-Room Videos that play in each hotel.
- Actual Commercials (:15, :30, :60) about staying in Mobile are needed as opportunities arise
  when we are given airtime. Examples of this are Senior Bowl and LendingTree Bowl when the
  city is a sponsor.

### Radio Ads:

The NPR buy is to communicate support for local market initiatives and encourage Staycations

### Billboards:

• This estimate from Lamar is for **3 billboards** (on the Alabama/Mississippi line, the Alabama/Florida line, and south of Atmore).

### Website:

Map Publisher is an application incorporated into the Mobile.org that will allow users to create
and choose personal mapping of their travel plans to Mobile. These maps are not only accessible
only, they are print quality and great for hotels as they help guests with their stay. Additionally,
the Threshold 360 photos, virtual tours and listings will incorporate into the maps creating
enhanced user experiences.

Note: I did not include the items that are listed but have no money this fiscal year.