Burbank Hospitality Association, Inc. Meeting Agenda

Thursday, April 13, 2017 - 3:00 P.M.

Springhill Suites by Marriott

549 S San Fernando Blvd Burbank, CA 91502

- A. ROLL CALL
- B. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- C. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, any person may address the Board on any matter related to the T-BID. The public is only allowed to speak at this time for a maximum of five minutes.

D. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, any Board Member can respond to comments made by the public.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION ITEM

The Board will consider approval of the March 9, 2017 meeting minutes.

F. TREASURER'S REPORT

ACTION ITEM

ACTION ITEM

The Board will consider approval of the March 10, 2017 - April 13, 2017 treasurer's report.

G. Burbank International Film Festival Sponsorship

The Board will review additional information regarding hotel bookings and demographics data to consider a \$20,000 sponsorship for the 2017 Burbank International Film Festival.

H. MySurbank Digital Marketing Opportunity

ACTION ITEM

MyBurbank.com will present a proposal for digital marketing opportunities.

Burbank Comedy Festival Media Plan

ACTION ITEM

At the request of the Board, a media plan outlining the specific marketing outlets of the \$20,000 approved sponsorship for the Burbank Comedy Festival will be presented to the Board.

J. <u>Draft Fiscal Year 14-15 BHA Audit Report</u>

ACTION ITEM

The Board will review the BHA's October 1, 2014-September 30, 2015 draft audit report and findings for approval.

K. Request for Proposals (RFP) Sub-Committee

ACTION ITEM

The Board will consider approval of a resolution creating a sub-committee to facilitate RFP's received and recommended to the Board. Staff will also provide an update on the RFP process and number of RFP's received for Administrative Services.

L. Meeting Expenses Policy

ACTION ITEM

The Board will consider approving a policy for audio visual and food/beverage expenses incurred during monthly board meetings.

M. 2017 International Pow Wow Conference

ACTION ITEM

The Board will consider assigning an additional representative to attend the 2017 International Pow Wow Conference.

N. Board Term Renewals

ACTION ITEM

The Board will consider renewing the following board members for another two year term: Danny Khan and Bernadette Soriano.

O. <u>Board Approved Expenditures</u>

ACTION ITEM

The Board will consider transferring \$85,000 from the holding account to cover preapproved ongoing consultant expenses in the amount of \$21,950, legal fees in the amount of \$6,000 and advertising expenses in the amount of \$50,300 which includes a \$40,500 invoice for the Board approved two month digital advertising campaign in partnership with the Los Angeles Tourism and Convention Board. For a list of additional operational expenses, please see attached financial statements.

P. Futur<u>e Agenda Items</u>

Board Members may introduce new items to place on a future agenda but no discussion or action may be taken on the item.

ADJOURNMENT TO THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING TENTATIVELY ON THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2017 AT 3:00 PM, LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED.

Burbank Hospitality Association, Inc. Board Members	Key Staff
Lucy Burghdorf, Hollywood Burbank Airport James Fitzpatrick, Courtyard by Marriott, Secretary Tom Flavin, Burbank Chamber of Commerce	Simone McFarland, Asst. Community Development Director
Tony Garibian, Coast Anabelle and Safari Inn, Chair Danny Kahn, Warner Bros. Studio Tours Hollywood Patrick Prescott, Community Development Director (ex-officio)	Mary Hamzolan, Economic Development Manager
Alan Puana, Universal Studios Hollywood Richard Sandoval, Burbank Airport Marriott, Vice-Chair Bernadette Soriano, Springhill Suites (non-voting member) Michael Swaney, Residence Inn by Marriott, Treasurer	Susie Avetisyan, Economic Development Analyst

Steve Tarn, Hilton Garden Inn Burbank	
Tom Whelan, Hotel Amarano	Consultant
	Robin Faulk, Marketing Consultant

The BHA Board is comprised of 11 voting members. Regular meetings are held monthly the second Thursday of the month unless that is a City holiday. In that case, the Board will meet the first or third Thursday. The BHA Board's primary function is to conduct business for marketing and advertising Burbank as a first rate tourist and convention destination.

The agenda packet consists of documentation relating to agenda items on file at Economic Development Division of the Community Development Department located at 150 N. Third Street during normal business hours and will be posted on the Visit Burbank website at www.visitburbank.com. The Burbank Hospitality Association, Inc. meeting is disabled accessible. Auxiliary aids and services are available for individuals with speech, vision or hearing impairments (48-hour notice is required). Please contact the ADA Coordinator at 818,238,5424 voice or 818,238,5035 TDD with questions or concerns.

BURBANK HOSPITALITY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING Minutes for the Meeting of March 9, 2017 - 12:00 P.M.

Hilton Garden inn 401 S San Fernando Bivd. Burbank, CA 91502

Members Present:

Lucy Burghdorf, Hollywood Burbank Airport

James Fitzpatrick, Courtyard by Marriott, Secretary

Tom Flavin, Burbank Chamber of Commerce

Tony Garibian, Coast Anabelle and Safari Inn, Chair Danny Kahn, Warner Bros. Studio Tours Hollywood

Alan Puana, Universal Studios Hollywood

Richard Sandoval, Burbank Airport Marriott, Vice-Chair Michael Swaney, Residence Inn by Marriott, Treasurer

Steve Tam, Hilton Garden Inn.

Members Absent:

Patrick Prescott, CDD Director (ex-officio) Bernadette Soriano, SpringHill Suites

Tom Whalen, Hotel Amarano

Department Key Staff:

Simone McFarland, Community Development Dept. Mary Hamzoian, Community Development Dept. Susie Avetisyan, Community Development Dept.

Robin Faulk, Marketing Consultant

General Counsel:

Michael Colantuono, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC

Ryan Dunn, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC

The Burbank Hospitality Association (BHA) Board Meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2017.

A. Roll Call

B. Announcements

Susie Avetisyan shared the following information:

- The Downtown Burbank Arts Festival is scheduled for April 29-30, 2017 on San Fernando Blvd from 10:00am-5:00pm;
- A flyer with event dates for all 2017 events in Downtown Burbank; and
- 3. An updated BHA Board roster.

C. Public Comment

Ross Benson, from MyBurbank attended the meeting to introduce himself to the BHA Board. He then requested to be added to the April meeting agenda to present a proposal for digital marketing opportunities on MyBurbank.com.

D. Response to Public Comment

There were no Board responses to public comments.

E. Brown Act Training

The BHA's General Counsel, Michael Colantuono and Ryan Dunn, led a Brown Act Training session that included information on the Public Records Act.

In light of the recent Supreme Court ruling which made it legal for the California Public Records Act to apply to electronic communications that public agency officials and employees send on private devices from private accounts, Mr. Colantuono recommended that the BHA create a policy that addresses this amendment. The BHA's general counsel will create a policy that addresses email retention, use of private devices/accounts, and public records requests. An integral part of this policy will be to designate an email for all board members to copy in any and all communications related to the BHA. This email will then hold all communications that board members have engaged in with relation to the BHA from their private email accounts.

F. Approval of Minutes

ACTION ITEM

The meeting minutes of February 9, 2017 were approved with a change requested by Tom Flavin to amend Category G [Staffing Services Presentation and Request For Proposal (RFP) for Staff Support Services] stating that the Burbank Chamber of Commerce *may* apply for the Administrative Staffing services RFP and recused himself from this topic of discussion. Michael Swaney made a motion to approve, second by Lucy Burghdorf. Motion carried 9-0.

G. <u>Treasurer's Report</u>

ACTION ITEM

Michael Swaney presented the Treasurer's Report for February 10 through March 9, 2017. To date, the balance sheet represented assets equaling \$1,053,510.07. Steve Tarn made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Swaney. Motion carried 9-0.

H. Event Sponsorships

ACTION ITEM

Joshua Snyder from Flappers Comedy Club (Flappers) presented information and sponsorship opportunities for the 2017 Burbank Comedy Festival (Festival). In 2016, attendance grew by 25% to an estimated 2,700 people and hotel reservations grew by 30% to almost 60 hotel room nights. Flappers requested a \$20,000 sponsorship for marketing efforts to attract more overnight room stays. This will be accomplished by attracting out-of-town comedians and attendess.

The Board was very complementary of the success of the Festival and asked about the talent scheduled for the festival in 2017. Tony Garibian asked what kind of funding is necessary to book top headlines and Mr. Snyder said he would be able to bring back accurate estimates from the talent managers. The Board also suggested the idea of holding a more renowned headliner at the convention center located at the Burbank Airport Marriott or the Starlight Bowl. Mr. Synder was also favorable to this idea and stated he will provide the Board will those price points to reserve more top headliners. Staff suggested that an analysis can be done to help determine its growth potential in larger venues as well as the economic impact this and all sponsored events are bringing in. The Board was

open to this idea and directed staff to research third party vendors that provide event analysis and impact reports.

Similar to 2016, the Board suggested that the \$20,000 funding for the Burbank Cornedy Festival would be contingent upon the Boards review of a media plan which specifies targeted marketing outlets the sponsorship dollars would be allocated to. With that condition, Mr. Tarn made a motion to approve the \$20,000 sponsorship for the 2017 Festival, second by Jim Fitzgerald. Motion carried 8-0, with Ms. Burghdorf having to depart the meeting before the vote was taken.

Jeff Rector from the Burbank International Film Festival (BIFF) presented information and sponsorship opportunities for their annual film festival scheduled for September 6-10, 2017 in Downtown Burbank. Mr. Rector shared that in 2016, BIFF saw a seven percent increase in both film submissions that went up to approximately 750 and attendence that went up to approximately 4,500 attendees. He then requested a \$20,000 sponsorship. At this time, the Board agreed to hold off on the sponsorship discussion for BIFF until the requested information about attendees' demographics and hotel room night's data would be presented at next month's meeting. Mr. Tam made a motion to approve a postponement in the BIFF sponsorship discussion once the requested information is provided at a later time, second by Mr. Sandoval. Motion carried 8-0.

Karen Volpei Gussow and Carey Briggs presented sponsorship opportunities for the 2017 Burbank On Parade scheduled for April 29, 2017. This annual parade closes Olive Avenue for a celebration of the Burbank community with representation from local civic leaders, residents, schools, and non-profits. The 2016 parade attracted approximately 2,000 parade participants and 4,000-6,000 spectators. Ms. Gussow suggested a \$10,000 sponsorship to receive a banner at the beginning of the parade with name and logo on all marketing materials. This parade does not generate hotel room nights at this time to meet the BHA's goal of boosting hotel occupancy and increasing overnight stays. Staff suggested that guidelines should be created to evaluate sponsorships and allow consistency with the dominant goal of the BHA which is to increase overnight stays. The BHA's general counsel agreed to the idea of creating event guidelines and evaluation criteria for sponsorships. Mr. Tarn made a motion to not approve a sponsorship for the 2017 Burbank on Parade, second by Mr. Sandoval, Motion carried 8-0.

I. Professional Pathway Program

ACTION ITEM

The representative from the Burbank Adult School was out sick and unable to attend the meeting. No action was taken at this time.

J. 2017 International Pow Wow (IPW) and Trade Show Booth Ms. Avetisyan presented registration and travel costs associated with attending the 2017 IPW Conference in Washington DC from June 3-7, 2017. IPW is the travel industry's premier conference to meet with over 1,000 US Iravel organizations, in addition to international and domestic travel buyers, and

international journalists. The conference would cost approximately \$7,850 for one person to attend.

Ms. Avetisyan then reminded the Board that the trade show booth created for the 2016 IPW conference would have to be repaired due to damages incurred during the tear down process after the 2016 conference. The cost of repairs totaled \$5,750.

The Board suggested that Robin Faulk, the BHA's Marketing Consultant, attend on behalf of Visit Burbank. The Board then suggested if any of their seasoned Director of Sales staff members would like to attend on behalf of Visit Burbank as well, that can be brought back at the April meeting for discussion. Mr. Sandoval made a motion to approve Mr. Faulk to attend the IPW Conference on behalf of Visit Burbank with the repaired trade show booth, second by Mr. Tarn. Motion carried 7-0, with Alan Puana having to depart the meeting before the vote was taken.

K. Request For Proposal (RFP)

ACTION ITEM

Since Mr. Flavin will be recusing himself from this discussion to avoid a conflict of interest in the event that the Burbank Chamber of Commerce submits a proposal, Ms. McFarland asked if the Board would consider moving this action item to be discussed after Category L – Board Approved Expenditures.

Once Mr. Flavin left the meeting room, Mary Hamzoian presented the draft Administrative Support Services RFP. This RFP will be to hire support services for duties that Include bookkeeping and monthly agenda preparation. A not-to-exceed was included for the scope of services, but the Board suggested removing all references to price to receive a fair market quote for the services being requested. Staff suggested the creation of an ad hoc sub-committee to facilitate RFP's received and recommended to the Board for approval. The RFP is to be posted on March 15, 2017 and a sub-committee will be created at the next monthly meeting to facilitate the selection process. The sub-committee would meet one week after the close of the RFP deadline which is April 12, 2017. Motion carried 6-0, with one recusal from Mr. Flavin.

L. Board Approved Expenditures

ACTION ITEM

Ms. Avetisyan requested \$40,000 to be transferred from the BHA Treasurer's Account to the BHA checking account to pay upcoming consulting expenses in the amount of \$23,300, and advertising expenses in the amount of \$8,300, along with on-going operational expenses. Mr. Tam made a motion for approval, second by Mr. Swaney. Motion carried 7-0.

M. Future Agenda Items

Ms. Avetisyan shared agenda items to be brought back at future board meetings:

- Proposals from third party companies that analyze the economic impact of events and growth potential;
- 2. MyBurbank digital marketing presentation;
- A media plan for the Burbank Comedy Festival;

- 4. Establishment of an ad hoc committee to review RFP's received;
- 5. Guidelines for board meeting expenses:
- 6. Proposed policy for BHA public records requests;
- 7. Proposed sponsorship guidelines; and
- 8. Burbank International Film Festival sponsorship.

The T-BID will reconvene with the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting on April 13, 2017, location to be determined. The meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

10:45 AM 04/05/17 Accrual Basis

Burbank Hospitality Association Balance Sheet As of April 13, 2017



	Apr 13, 17
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	10000000
Checking	48,276.78
City Treasurer	848,035.26
Savings	5.00
Total Checking/Savings	896,317.04
Other Current Assets	
005 · Market Value Adjustments	-1,310.03
33000 · City Treasurer's Investments	3,091.06
Total Other Current Assets	1,781.03
Total Current Assets	898,098.07
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32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	1,125,908.27
Net Income	-227,810.20
Total Equity	898,098.07
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10:41 AM 04/05/17 Accrual Basis

Burbank Hospitality Association Profit & Loss



March 10 through April 13, 2017

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Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	75.282.68
001 - Assessments-City Treasurer 46400 - Other Types of Income	73,202.00
46410 · Checking Account Interest	12.72
Total 46400 · Other Types of Income	12.72
Total Income	75,295.40
Gross Profit	75,295.40
Expense	
62500 - Consultants	41,800.00
64000 - Marketing	222222
64020 · Advertising	96,884.98 549.50
64080 · Gift Card Promotion	549.50
Total 64000 · Marketing	97,434.48
65000 · Operations	
65010 · Books, Subscriptions, Reference	270.00
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service 65070 · Website Maintainance	65.00 55.00
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Total 65000 - Operations	390.00
65060 · Salary Expenses	11,177.50
65100 · Other Types of Expenses	5.050.00
65120 · Insurance - Liability, D and O	5,950.00 5.000.00
65130 · Sponsorships 65140 · Membership Dues	18,483.00
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68310 · Conference, Convention, Meeting 68320 · Travel	815.76
68330 · Reimbursement	27.28
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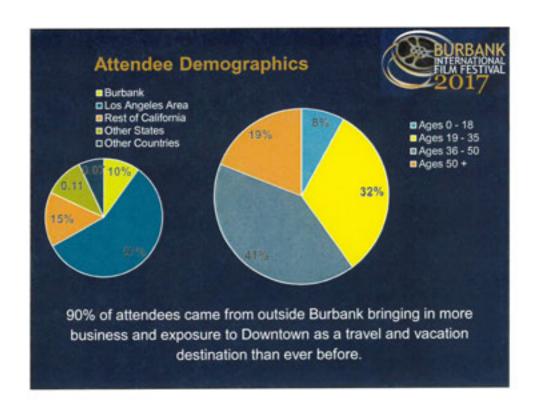




Foreign Films Submitted by Top 10 Countries



Country	Number of Films			
United Kingdom	57			
Australia	11			
France	9			
Spain	7			
Ireland	7			
Brazil	6			
China	6			
India	6			
Germany	5			
Italy	4			





Sponsorship Request \$20,000

Same as last year

2017 Growth Priorities

- Devoted to increasing overnight stays by geo-targeted digital media such as Facebook, Google, Social Media and others focused on drive time markets, direct flight markets and filmmakers.
- Promotion of festival booking engine widget on all media

2017 Additional Growth Priorities:



- Marketing strategy + budget to drive increased attendance
 Draw more visitors to Burbank
- Continuing to develop international film festival collaborations
 Beijing International Film Festival & China Film Group
 All Lights Indian International Festival & Film Market

AIF - Australians In Film Germany Film Institute

Establishing studio and new media partners
 Premiere screenings & high-profile events







Thank you!



VISIT BURBANK'S support is integral to our Festival's success.

The Burbank International Film Festival is Non-Profit 501(C)(3) organization, and 80% of our funding goes right back into Burbank and local businesses.

We look forward to growing our partnership and the festival further in 2017!

A bigger festival means more overnight visitors for Burbank Hotels.



4/1/17

Proposal between the Burbank Hospitality Association and myBurbank.com Inc.

Advertising and Publicity for the Visit Burbank campaign

myBurbank seeks to enter into an agreement between the Burbank Hospitality Association and the myBurbank website to promote Burbank and tourism in Burbank. With the amount of traffic through our website and Twitter accounts, myBurbank has become a destination website for not only Burbank residents seeking news, but also for potential visitors and people interested in Burbank.

Background

myBurbank started seven years ago and has continued to grow every year. With our emphasis on Burbank, residents have come to depend on our site to get their latest news, information and community events.

At the same time myBurbank continues to pick up unique viewers every month, now over 28,000 a month. While the Burbank Leader's website is now a 'pay site', requiring readers to pay a fee to access their stories. myBurbank is a free site, supported by our many advertisers who have been with us for years.

myBurbank also runs extremely active Twitter accounts that service the needs of different groups. Our news account, @myBurbankNews currently has over 25,000 followers. Add our other two accounts; @myBurbankSports and @myBurbankNightlife and you have as additional 2,000 followers for a total exceeding 27,000. myBurbank also maintains a strong Facebook presence.

Readership

You will find an attachment that was last updated in September, 2016 which shows the unique viewers of myBurbank in a single month. Stats compiled by Google Analytics show that 33,567 users (28,431 unique) visited the myBurbank site, looking at 90,709 pages.

Over one half of our viewers also accessed the site through mobile devices such as smart phones and tablets.

Our analytics over the past year show where our viewers are located. While Los Angeles, Burbank, Glendale and Santa Clarita make up the first four areas, New York is fifth. Other cities in the top 20 include San Francisco, San Diego, Miami, Chicago, Dallas and Seattle.



Twitter: @MyBurbankNews

Facebook: MyBurbank

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Our analytics also show that many of our viewers are looking for areas like more than just news, but on all the many things that Burbank has to offer. We have talked to many visitors that have said they are familiar with myBurbank.

Proposal

myBurbank would like to the Burbank Hospitality Association that they use myBurbank for their Visit Burbank campaign.

Here is what myBurbank.com Inc. would give to the Burbank Hospitality Association:

- A full time 'static' Leaderboard Ad. All myBurbank ads are usually set in a rotation with three
 other ads. Ads will appear in a random fashion. With a static ad, the ad appears 100 percent of
 the time. Furthermore, myBurbank is a mobile friendly website. All Leaderboard ads also
 appear at the top of all mobile devices that assess the site. On multiply month contract rate the
 value is \$1,200 per month.
- A large box ad that would be placed in rotation on our front page and all inside pages. On multiply month contract rate the value is \$360 per month.
- 3. We would also propose to put multiple small box static ads for up to four categories of the commission's choice. Each small ad would measure up to 160 pixels wide by 120 tall and would be paced on the top right column of the site (above the Community Chevrolet ad). An example is the Burbank Chamber of Commerce ad that appears lower in the same right column. Each ad would then link to a desired page on the Visit Burbank website, directing viewers directly to that page. Ideas for tabs include "Burbank Hotels", Burbank Restaurants", "Burbank Sightseeing" and "Burbank Transportation" of "Traveling to Burbank". On multiply month contract rate the value is \$200 per month per ad with four priced at \$800 per month.
- 4. myBurbank would arrange a new editorial section on the site between our popular "Flashback Friday" and "Get Out of Town!" sections that would be available to the Burbank Hospitality Association to provide editorial copy as frequently as desired. Each story could feature a hotel, restaurant or entertainment activity. Besides being located on the front page, all editorial copy would always be accessible through the website menu for years to come. Editorial copy for this section would be provided by the Burbank Hospitality Association. On multiply month contract rate the value is \$500 per month.
- As advertiser, Burbank Hospitality Association would also have any events covered by our staff if requested.



Twitter: @MyBurbankNews

Facebook: MyBurbank

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On a contract rate, the services above would run over \$2,800 per month. Our proposal to the Burbank Hospitality Association would be to provide these services for \$2,000 monthly. We are seeking a yearly contract with payments being invoiced at the Association's direction. We will also change ads or where they are linked to at any time Burbank Hospitality Association wishes with 24 hour notice.

It is our intention to continue to grow. Our staff is made up of 90% Burbank residents and we are a local Burbank business. With the amount of traffic generated from not only within Burbank, but surrounding cities, this is a good site to promote tourism and be a conduit to bring traffic to the Visit Burbank website.

Besides all of the traffic that we would help to generate for Visit Burbank, another upside is the local residents who would patronize restaurants they see plus know where to go when friends and relatives come into Burbank for deals on local hotels.



Twitter: @MyBurbankNews

Facebook: MyBurbank

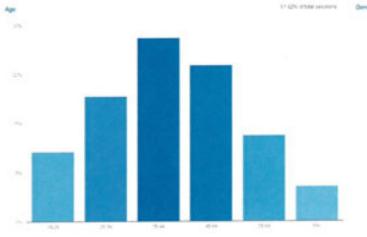
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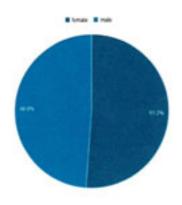




One Month Stats for myBurbank.com compiled by Google Analytics - September 2016

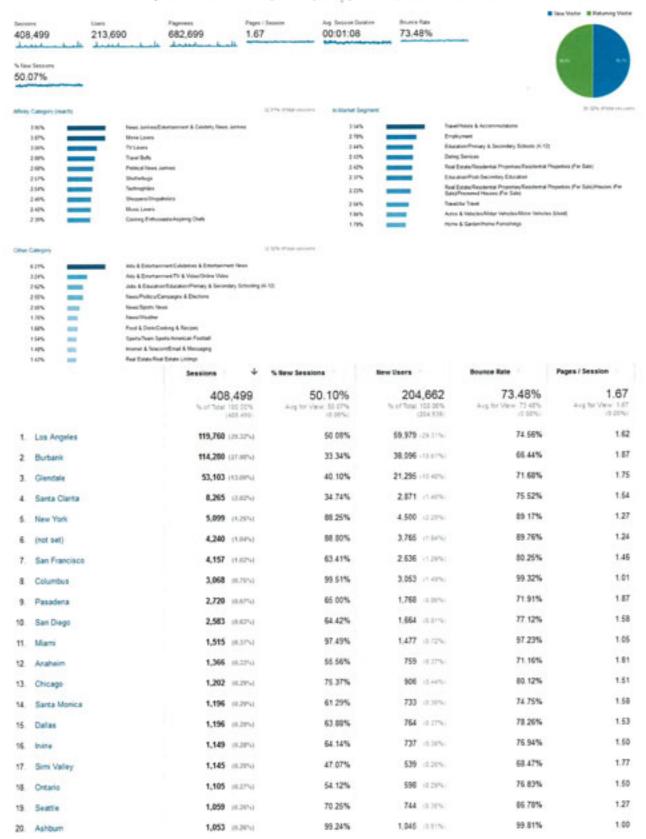
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One Year Stats for myBurbank.com compiled by Google Analytics - Sept. 2015 through Sept. 2016





2017 Visit Burbank Advertising Proposal

\$4,000 -The Jimmy Dore Show Podcast - CONFIRMED

Podcast Downloads: 400,000 | YouTube subscribers: 218,666 | Twitter followers: 86,000

*Jimmy has been selling out his monthly shows at Flappers.

STRATEGY: Promote live show at the Festival, amplified with social media posts | include hotel info in show ticket purchase confirmation.

\$4,000 - Never Not Funny Podcast with Jimmy Pardo - CONFIRMED

Podcast Downloads: 168,000 | SoundCloud Followers: 199,000 | Twitter Followers: 24,000

*recently sold out Flappers with 12 Hour Podcast Marathon featuring Sarah Silverman, Andy Richter, Jon Cryer, Richard Kind, and more! Guests flew in from all over the country for this event & stayed at the Hilton Garden Inn and Holiday Inn.

STRATEGY: Promote live show at the Festival along with supplementary social media posts | include hotel info in show ticket purchase confirmation

\$2,000 - Superior Podcast with Hal Sparks - CONFIRMED | NEW THIS YEAR

Podcast Downloads: 3,000 | Hal Sparks Twitter followers: 110,000 | Instagram 66,000 | FB 49,000 1500-2000 views on YouTube

*Sparks co-hosts the podcast with Entertainment Executive Frank Prather – historically, he has been a very strong draw.

\$10,000 - All Things Comedy LIVE with BILL BURR & AL MADRIGAL - TBD

Bill Burr Monday Morning Podcast downloads 1/2 a million per month: Bill Burr - 855,000 Twitter Followers

STRATEGY: Promote live show at the Festival, amplified with supplementary social media posts | include hotel info in show ticket purchase confirmation. A shout out from Bill Burr on this will be VERY powerful.

Advertising Diversification

The Festival will use funding from additional sponsorships to advertise regionally and locally, including (but not limited to), KLOS Radio, LA Weekly, Email List (over 70,000 subscribers to residents in the Valley and the Inland Empire

Additional/Alternate Podcasts

\$4,000 - The Smartest Man In The World with Greg Proops | 15,000 Downloads | 123,000 Twitter

\$4,000 - What's Up Fool with Felipe Esparza | 30,000 podcast downloads | 28,000 Twitter | Sold Out Prev. Shows

\$4,000 - Mohr Stories Podcast With Jay Mohr 15,000 Downloads | 335,000 Twitter

\$5,000 - Burt Kreischer Podcast | 2,437 Podcast Downloads | 190,000 Twitter

\$5,000 - Crabfeast Podcast with Ryan Sickler | 6,000 Podcast downloads | 14.2K Twitter



April 13, 2017

To the Board of Directors Burbank Hospitality Association Burbank, California

We have audited the financial statements of Burbank Hospitality Association (the Association) for the year ended September 30, 2015, and have issued our report thereon dated April 13, 2017. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated July 15, 2016. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Association are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year. We noted no transactions entered into by the Organization during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.





To the Board of Directors of the Burbank Hospita\ty Association. Burbank, California

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Menagement Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated April 13, 2017.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountage

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accounting as about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain sit ations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Organization's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that it is consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of method, in ording the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each order prior to retention as the Organization's auditors. However, those discussions occurred in the normal consecution, dessional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

With respect to the supplementary intrination accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquires of management and extended the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in retation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors of the Burbank Hospitality Association, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours.

Town, Soll & Lugghard, LLP

Brea, California



To the Board of Directors Burbank Hospitality Association Burbank, California

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Burbank Hospitality Association as of and for the year ended September 30, 2015, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered Burbank Hospitality Association's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Organization's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We consider the following deficiencies in Burbank Hospitality Association's internal control to be material weaknesses:

Year End Closing Procedures

During our audit, we noted the Associations trial balance was not properly reconciled and required the Association to review and correct various reconciling items and record journal entries. These reconciling items accumulated to a material amount.

Recommendation: We suggest the Association perform a full reconciliation of all accounts to be included in the trial balance at year-end for proper disclosure.

Management Response: During the audit process, a full reconciliation of all accounts was completed to mirror the City's Oracle reports. The Oracle reports included year-end entries required documenting GASB 31 Market Value Adjustment's and the City Treasurer's investment returns, which were not included in the Association's regular bookkeeping entries. The Association now completes the recommended full reconciliation on a monthly basis to be consistently synchronized with the City's Oracle reports.

AP Accruals

During our search for unrecorded liabilities, we noted three exceptions in which invoices relating to goods received or services performed prior to the end of the fiscal year were not recorded as payable in the proper accounting period. Proper cutoffs are critical for the accuracy of the accrual basis of accounting. Audit adjusting entries have been provided to accrue these invoices.





To the Board of Directors of the Burbank Hospitality Association Burbank, California

Recommendation: We suggest that management prepare written instructions to be included as part of the Association's accounting policies and procedures manual that indicates basic concept of proper cutoffs and the individuals responsible for accounting payable at the accounting period and

Management Response: In its current practice, bills were paid once the good or service was rendered. Moving forward, the Association will review the City of Burbank's current accounting policies and procedures in place to assist in implementing its own accounting practices as applicable.

Association's Response to Findings

The Association's responses to the findings identified in our audit were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it

Purpose of this Report

This communication is intended solely for the information approve of management the Board of Directors, and others within the Organization, and is not intended to be, and should be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Brea, California April 13, 2017



BURBANK HOSPITALITY ASSOCIATION

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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FINANÇIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FISCAL YE KENDED SEPTEMBER 2015

BURBANK HOSPITALITY ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors Burbank Hospitality Association Burbank, California

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Burbank Hospitality Association (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of September 30, 2015, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Burbank Hospitality Association's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Burbank Hospitality Association's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Burbank Hospitality Association as of September 30, 2015, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.





Report on Supplementary Information

Laws, Soll & Lughard, LLI

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The schedule of functional expenses on page 10 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconding such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairy stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Brea, California

April 13, 2017

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

	2015
Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	5 12,544
Investments pooled with City of Burbank	1.127.991
Total Corrent Assets	1,140,535
Total Assels	\$ 1,140,535
Liabilities and Net Assets:	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 69,662
Total Liabilities	69,662
Not Assets:	
Unrestnoted	1,070,873
Total Not Assets	1,070,873
Total Liabilities and Nel Assets	\$ 1,140,535
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

		2015
Revenues	_	
Assessments	<u> </u>	817,737
Total revenues		817,737
Expenses		
Program activities		
Consultants		136,639
Marketing		307.652
Total program activities		446,291
Support services		
Management and general		193,850
Spansorships A Page 1997		102,500
Total supporting services		298,350
Total expenses		742,641
Change in riet assets from operations		75,095
Non-operating activities Interest revenue		12,945
Interest revenue		12,00
Total non-operating activities	_	12,945
Changes in Nei Accels		88,041
Net Assets, Beginning of Year		982,832
Net Assets, End of Year	5	1,070,673

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

	2015
Cash Flows from Operating Activities: Change in nel assets Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to not cash	\$ 88,041
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	69,662
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	157,703
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	157,703
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	982,832
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$ 1,140,535

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER \$0, 2015

Note 1: Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a. Description of Organization

The Burbank Hospitality Association (the "Association") is a not-for-profit corporation that was formed to promote tourism in the City of Burbank and boost hotel occupancy by positioning Burbank as a domestic, national, and international tourist destination. The Association will improve the condition of the tourism business environment through the development and operation of the fourism improvement district known as the Burbank Tourism Business Improvement District (the BTBID). These objectives will be pursued according to the provisions of the BTBID's Management District Plan, formed October 1, 2011, and other Board approved programs and initiatives. The Association is governed by a nine member Board of Directors (the Board), which is responsible for all activities of the Association. Board members served a one-year term and receive no compensation for their services.

b. Basis of Presentation

equirements of Financial Accounting Standards of Profit Entities (formerly SFAS No. 117, The Association follows the presentation Board Codification of ASC Topic 9564 anizations") Under ASC Topic 958, the 'Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit garding its financial position and activities Association is required to report ormation according to three classes of nati nermationtly restricted (net assets which cannot be spent due to donor-imposed p the atheticus on the use of funds), temporarily expended but only in accordance restricted (net asset cted (net assets may be spent in accordance with donor⊣mposed restrict maragement and B rd wis

As of September 42, 2011, the Association reported only unrestricted net assets.

c. Revenue ecognition

The Associated is finded premarily by assessments on transient hotel guests. The annual assessment rate is a one percent (1%) assessment on overnight stays in Burbank hotels with more than 25 rooms. The assessments to fund activities and improvements for the BTBID will be collected at the same time and manner as are transient occupancy taxes, and in accordance with Streets and Highways Code \$36614.5. Based on the benefit received, assessments will not be collected on stays by any Federal officer or employee when on official Federal government business, or any officer or employee of a foreign government who is exempt from transient occupancy taxes by reason of express provision of Federal law or international treaty, stays for a period of more than thirty (30) consecutive calendar days; or stays pursuant to contracts executed prior to July 1, 2013. The Association will recognize assessment revenues upon its remittence from the hotel operators.

d. Basis of Accounting

The Association's policy is to prepare the financial statements on the accrual basis of accounting, whereby revenue is recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incorred.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

Note 1: Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

e. Income Taxes

The Association is organized pursuant to the General Nonprofit Corporation Law of the State of California. The Association is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 23701(d) of the California Revenue and Taxation Code. The Association is also exempt from California franchise taxes and certain general county real and personal property taxes.

The Association has been classified as an Organization that is not a private foundation under IRC Section 509(a) and, as such, any contributions to the Association would qualify for deduction as charitable contributions.

The Association's Form 990, Return of Organization exempt from Income Tax, for the tax year beginning 2011 is subject to examination by Juliernal Revenue Service, generally for three years after it was filed. Similarly, the Casocia for's Form 198. California Exempt Organization Annual Information Return, for the tax year beginning 2011, are subject to examination by the Franchise Tax Board, and generally for our years after it was filed.

Use of Estimates

mity with accounting principles generally. The preparation of financial state in com mer quires management to make estimates and accepted in the United States of mounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of assumptions that affect the report e date of the financial statements and the reported e, at contingent assets and ring the reporting period. Actual results could differ amounts of revenues ind ex inses d from those estimate.

g. Concentration or addition

The Association has detain financial instruments that subject it to potential credit risk. Those financial instruments consist of primarily of cash and cash equivalents. The Association makes its cash balances with financial institutions. At times, these balances may exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insured limits. The Association has not experienced any loss of these accounts and believes there is no significant exposure of credit risk on cash and cash equivalents.

Note 2: Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash investments purchased with maturities of less than three months at the date they are acquired are considered cash equivalents. The Association's bank balance as of September 30, 2015 was \$104,524, respectively. The difference between the carrying amount of \$12,544 and the bank balance of \$91,980 represents outstanding checks. This balance consisted entirely of demand deposits with the Association's financial institution. The total bank balances are insured up to \$250,000 by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The financial institution's performance is routinely monitored by the Contractor utilizing a bank rating service.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

Note 3: Investments Pooled with the City of Burbank

The Association pools its investments with the City of Burbank. Investment securities are carried at fair value based on quoted prices in active markets (Level 1) and as of September 30, 2015, the Association's investment balance pooled with the City of Burbank totaled \$1,127,991.

Note 4: Commitments and Contingencies

During the normal course of business, the Association is involved in various claims and lawsuits. In the opinion of management, the potential loss on any claims and lawsuits, net of insurance proceeds, will not be significant to the Association's financial position or change in net assets.

The following material consulting commitments existed September 30, 2015

	Contract	as city	Remaining
Marketing Agency	Amount 🔨 📝	Eptember 30, 2015	Commitmen <u>ts</u>
Robin Faulk Marketing	\$ 54,000	13,333	\$ 40.687
Utopia Entertainment	14 500	9,750	4 75D
Strausberg Group	200.	108 060	91,940
- ,	\$ 38/_2	131 143	\$ 137,357

Note 5: Subsequent Events

During the run-up to the No. intoer 2016 election, proponents of a measure to facilitate a new easure B") requested financial support from the Association. airport terminal approved that equest and, at the Association's direction, City of Burbank The Association 1,000 in to rism assessment proceeds to the "yes" campaign on Measure B.
The By bank City Attorney gave a staff report to the City Council stating staff released 🆫 In December 201 tess of this use of assessment proceeds. At the City Council's doubts as to the T direction, she shared wat report with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office. The Association has also reported this issue to its insurer whom initially denied the claim. The Association is currently availating a potential appeal of the denied claim. The Association has retained a firm to serve as its General Counsel and to advise on this matter specifically. The Association denies liability and will defend any claims that may arise, but is also working. cooperatively with the District Attorney's Office and the City to address concerns about this issue.



	Program Activities			Support Services						
	Consultants		Marketing		Management and General		Sponsorships		Total	
Advertising and promotional	5		\$	270 792	\$		\$		5	270,792
Books, dues, reference and substriptions						7.432		-		7.432
Consultants		138,639		-		-				138 639
Copying, postage and printing		-				2 08¢				8.046
Insurance						5.920		-		5,920
MgcorySell Shgot				36 860		-				36,880
Operations						20,739				20,739
Salary expenses						99.420				99 420
Sponsors*⊫ps						-		102,593		102 500
Supplies		-				20 932				20.932
Travel and meeting ozpensos						9.349		-		9,349
Website		<u>.</u>		<u> </u>	-I	21,972		<u> </u>		21,972
	5	138 639	\$	337.652	◬	193.850	\$	102,500	\$	742 641

RESOLUTION NO. <u>2017-002</u>

A RESOLUTION OF THE BURBANK HOSPITALITY ASSOCIATION ESTABLISHING AN AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors of the Burbank Hospitality Association ("Board") hereby forms an ad hoc advisory committee ("Committee") comprised of Boardmembers who will be fewer than half the Board, who will be named by the Board on April 13, 2017.

SECTION 2. The Committee is charged with overseeing the acceptance of a proposal for staff services. The Committee shall have such support from the staff of the City of Burbank as the Board Chair shall direct.

SECTION 3. The Committee shall provide recommendations and advice to the Board upon request. Its role shall be advisory only, and it shall have no power to bind the Board or the Association. The Committee shall be disestablished on the sooner of April 13, 2018 or upon its final report to the Board.

SECTION 4. As a temporary, ad hoc advisory committee comprised of less than a quorum of the Commission, the Committee may, but need not, comply with the Brown Act as authorized by Government Code section 54952, subdivision (b).

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of April 2017.

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAINING:
ABSENT:
ATTEST:
Board Secretary

POLICY NO. 2017-001

BURBANK HOSPITALITY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING EXPENSE POLICY

BACKGROUND

The Burbank Hospitality Association (BHA) holds monthly board meetings which take place at various hotels and/or venues in Burbank. In addition to monthly board meetings, the BHA occasionally holds special board meetings, ad hoc advisory committee meetings, and joint meetings with the Downtown Burbank Partnership on a bi-annual basis.

Given the nature of the hospitality industry, hotels and venues with meeting space will often charge fees for the use of their facilities, equipment, and/or banquet services. As the BHA continues to utilize these types of facilities for their meetings, paying the applicable fees will be necessary.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Board Meeting Expense Policy is to establish budget guidelines for expenses that may be occurred. This policy will apply to any and all meetings of the BHA.

Expenses include:

- Audio Visuals (projectors, screens, video conferencing, laptops/computers, televisions, smart-grids, etc.);
- Catering (breakfast, lunch, dinner, buffets);
- Beverages (nun-alcoholic);
- 4. Snacks (appetizer, dessert, hors d'oeuvres)
- Conference room fees (deposits, security fees, service charges, etc.)

BUDGET GUIDELINES

1.	Audio Visuals	up to \$450/meeting
2.	t. Catering	up to \$500/meeting
	l. Beverages	
	Snacks	
5	Conference room fees	up to \$500/meeting