



SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING AGENDA (hybrid)

September 27th, 2023: 6pm-7pm

Temescal Works

490 43rd Street, Oakland, CA 94609

[Zoom link here](#); Meeting ID is 899 6841 6717 and pw is 210644

1. INTRODUCTIONS – Call to Order:

2. PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. ATTENDANCE:

Board members present (in person):

Board members present (via zoom):

Board members absent:

Others present:

Diana Galbraith (ED)

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of August 2023 Board [Minutes](#)

5. OPERATIONS REPORT - Jamar Leonard, *Block by Block*

- a. Change of Ambassador working hours.
 - i. New schedule is Monday-Thursday 10-6:40pm, Fri-Sat 2-10:40pm—is this working well?
- b. Reschedule deescalation training?

- c. Security patrol update

6. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Jaymee contract renewal (vote needed)
- b. Two suggested new Board members (vote needed)
 - i. Alex Schafran
 - ii. Seung-Yen Hong
- c. Street ambassador RFP vote (Diana)
- d. [Letter of support](#) for the National Park monument for the BPP (also pasted below–Jordie–vote needed)
- e. Treasurer’s report; 2023 budget [here](#) (Don)
- f. Audrey’s to do list for Board members
 - 1. I would like to make a request that the Board discusses a "formal" change to monthly board meetings whereas it is "set in the agenda" that each and every board or paid member spends 1-2 minutes updating what they are working on so it is public knowledge:
 - 1. What they are working on and what was achieved since the last meeting.
 - 2. What their next steps and goals are to achieve prior to the next meeting.
 - 3. It can be on a shared agenda doc so each member can update the agenda in advance of the meeting this way the update is available:
 - In the event they cannot attend the meeting and
 - It also does not need to be captured by the notetaker. It's already in place.
- g. Audrey’s website proposal (vote needed)

7. INFO ITEMS

- a. Executive Director’s Report
 - i. Food program idea from BID Alliance meeting
 - ii. Renewal
 - iii. Database
 - iv. Events
 - 1. Holiday fair
 - 2. Halloween
 - v. BART mtg
 - 1. Henry Symons
 - 2. Jill w BARTABLE next week.
 - vi. Dealing with unpaid bills.

- vii. Roots update
 - viii. Park Day School
 - 1. Collaborating on district art map.
 - ix. Captain Lisa mtg–raised Daniels’ armed robbery issue
 - x. Doing a district walk w Dan Kalb and Captain Ausmus on Thursday.
 - xi. Interview w UC Berkeley journalism student.
- b. Upcoming meetings
- i. NCPC meeting about elections (virtual)
 - 1. Thursday Sept 28th at 6pm: : <https://zoom.us/j/89968416717> (pw is 210644)

8. ACTION ITEMS

9. OTHER



Temescal Telegraph Business Improvement District
490 43rd St.
Oakland, CA 94609

Hon. Joseph Biden
Office of the President
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
N.W. Washington, DC. 20500

September ??, 2023

RE: Establishment of the Black Panther Party National Park Service Monument

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing this letter today on behalf of the Temescal Telegraph Business Improvement District (TTBID) board which is a quasi-governmental organization formed to represent the interests of the businesses and residents in the Temescal District of Oakland, California. Our district is one of Oakland's gems, very sought after for our vibrant restaurants, independent shops, 100-plus-year old buildings and lively street scene. Temescal is comprised of approximately 25,000 residents and hundreds of businesses and technically is also the location where Black Panther Party truly began.

We are currently partnering with the Huey P. Newton Foundation to construct a monumental art installation in our District to celebrate the Black Panther Party's roots and to educate residents and visitors alike. In the process of our community discussions/events/panels we have learned that very few people are even aware of the importance and history of the Black Panther Party which was literally birthed in the soil right beneath our feet. Most Oaklanders do not even know:

- That the Party was comprised of more than 70 percent women.
- That their free breakfast program was the precursor for the National School Lunch Program.
- That their efforts in community medicine had a direct influence on the advancement of scientific knowledge in the field and resulted in the formation of the Sickle Cell Clinic at Children's Hospital, Oakland.?

Establishing a National Park Unit to recognize the history and contributions of the Black Panther Party would help educate the public about the importance and direct influence the Party had on so many parts of our lives today.

We are so pleased to have learned that after several years of work, the National Park Service (NPS) authorized and is currently performing its Reconnaissance Survey to assess the suitability of establishing portions of the City of Oakland, Berkeley, Richmond, San Francisco, and other San Francisco Bay Area locations as a unit of the NPS dedicated to the Black Panther Party history. I/we know that this is a key step in determining the feasibility of this proposed park unit, including community support for such a NPS Monument.

The pivotal role the Black Panther Party played in the Black Power Era of American history, with its groundbreaking work to spawn community support programs throughout the country, is a missing hole in the American history continuum being interpreted throughout the nation by the NPS and by other such parks and monuments. We believe it is time to establish such a park unit that will tell the stories of thousands of men, women, and young people who served within the Black Panther Party to carry out their initiatives. And we are hopeful that the result of the NPS Reconnaissance Survey currently being conducted will satisfy the required findings of "historic significance" to establish this first-ever Black Power Era National Park Service Monument.

Throughout their existence, the Black Panther Party promoted the idea of “All Power to the People” and took action to bring about positive change in ending oppression. This was a new and compelling message in the mid-sixties. These concepts swept the nation with several dozen Black Panther Party offices springing up. It was embraced in other nations as well where numerous Black Panther Party offices were established.

The Black Panther Party’s complex and broad history is one that needs to be told and interpreted so that all Americans have the opportunity to learn this history. We know that many Americans take pride in the work of the Black Panther Party. For many people this history is inspiring. Of course, this is a complex history that includes defining examples of cooperation as well as of conflict. The NPS is well- positioned to interpret this history, in all of its complexity.

This NPS Monument will provide the national recognition in a publicly accessible space for citizens and visitors to gain educational awareness about the history of the Black Panther Party as one of the most influential groups in recent history.

Please take all next steps to utilize the results of the Reconnaissance Survey to establish a Black Panther Party National Monument through the Antiquities Act (16. U.S.C. 431-433) in the appropriate locations in Oakland, the San Francisco Bay Area, and beyond.

All Power to the People,

Sincerely,

Temescal Telegraph Business Improvement District Board Members

cc:

Secretary Deb Haaland, U.S. Dept. of Interior, MS-116, SIB 1951 Constitution Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dr. Huey P. Newton Foundation, c/o 4200 Park Blvd., #128, Oakland, CA 94602