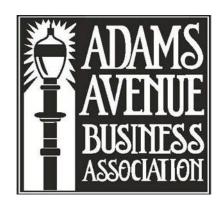
2022 Annual Report



AABA Annual Breakfast Meeting

You are invited to AABA's Annual Breakfast Meeting scheduled from 8-9:30 am on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at Ponce's Mexican Restaurant, 4050 Adams Avenue. Please join us to socialize with your neighboring business and property owners and sample breakfast cuisine prepared by Ponce's Mexican Restaurant. The AABA annual meeting is

AABA BREAKFAST

Ponce's Mexican Restaurant February 7, 2023 8-9:30 am

also when we elect the 2023 Board of Directors, review this past year's accomplishments and celebrate Adams Avenue's ongoing revitalization. **Please RSVP by January 25th** at this link. If you are unable to pay online, contact julia@adamsavenuebusiness.com.

Adams Avenue Business Association/Business Improvement District

AABA is a California non profit corporation formed in 1985 for the purpose of revitalizing and marketing the Adams Avenue business corridor. The AABA is under contract with the City of San Diego to administer a Business Improvement District (BID) program. The City collects an annual BID fee ranging from \$40-70 from each business license holder within the Adams Avenue BID boundaries. Payment of this annual fee bestows AABA membership rights to registered businesses. The BID runs from Vista St. in Kensington through Normal Heights to Arizona St. in University Heights. BID funds are invested in AABA marketing and promotional activities and leveraged by a ratio of 8:1, creating an average annual AABA operating budget of \$500,000. AABA oversees a diverse work plan that includes special events, marketing and branding, avenue maintenance, weekly committee meetings, management of community assets, community planning and advocacy. Partnering with local business operators, property owners and government agencies—primarily the City of San Diego—AABA seeks to improve the economic and physical conditions of the commercial corridor. The Association is overseen by a 15-member Board chosen from the membership.

Adams Avenue Maintenance Assessment District

AABA property owners are assessed an annual fee on their property tax bill to fund maintenance and beautification activities. These enhanced services are beyond what the City provides. Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) fees underwrite \$50,000+ of services and benefits within the District along 30 blocks of Adams Avenue and side streets. MAD boundaries correspond to the area's BID boundaries. AABA contracts with the City to administer MAD programs, including daily litter abatement, street banner programs, trash collection of 40 containers twice weekly, daily graffiti control and the maintenance or any needed replacement of 400+ street trees. AABA uses a mix of contractors and employees to provide services and subsidizes the program with its earned income to further enhance the area.

Special Events

Adams Avenue Street Fair

The Street Fair is AABA's signature promotion and San Diego's largest free music festival. The 40th annual edition, held September 24 - 25, 2022, was a long-awaited return after being canceled in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic. The Street Fair featured 70 bands performing on six stages, 250 vendors set along seven blocks of Adams Avenue and giant carnival rides filling Adams Avenue Park. The event draws 100,000 visitors and generates record amounts of publicity, marketing and branding for the business district. Many area storefronts experience record sales volumes.

The Street Fair is AABA's largest fundraiser, which supports the Association's year-

round work. Event revenue from vendor booths, beer concessions, t-shirt sales, sponsor-ships and grants grossed \$230,000 in 2022. Net profits from the event were reduced to \$60k from a historic average of \$95k due to inflationary pressures and the City of San Diego's change to our permit conditions. The planning for the 2023 edition is already underway and includes a three-block expansion of the Street Fair. This will allow for the accommodation of wider fire lanes mandated by the City without reducing the visibility of storefronts within the event footprint.

The Street Fair was originally organized to celebrate the refurbishment and relight the historic Normal Heights neon sign and the initiation of Adams Avenue commercial revitalization efforts in the 1980s. The event has grown from a neighborhood block party to a regionally recognized celebration. It has mirrored the successful growth and development of the business district as well as the Association's activities and operating budget.

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2023 Special Event Dates

Adams Avenue Unplugged April 29

Taste of Adams Avenue June 25

Adams Avenue Street Fair Sept. 23 & 24

Adams Avenue Spirit Stroll Nov. 25

Holiday on Adams Avenue Dec. 10



Adams Avenue Unplugged

Adams Avenue Unplugged is AABA's acoustic musical walkabout, highlighting Adams Avenue storefronts and packing the business district with music aficionados. Held on the last Saturday in April each year, the event in 2022 featured 50 free musical performances inside 20 restaurants, bars, coffee houses and retail establishments. Unplugged also includes paid, ticketed concerts at the Normal Heights United Church for headliner performers, which featured a sold-out show



for John Doe in 2022. The innovative festival format provides intimate performance settings while dispersing musical entertainment throughout the two-mile-long business corridor. Adams Avenue Unplugged and the Street Fair's focus on music offerings help define the neighborhood's musical brand.

Taste of Adams Avenue

San Diego foodies packed the sidewalks in Normal Heights, Kensington and University Heights for the 21st annual Taste of Adams Avenue, which featured 40 participating restaurants, coffee houses, breweries, bakeries and pubs in 2022. The event sells out at 1,100 tickets each year and is now one of San Diego's largest and most popular "Taste" events. Attendees walk a two-mile event footprint but also have access to free trolley service. Samples range from savory to sweet, entrees to desserts, with international flavors and vegetarian options. Other businesses along the route take advantage of the increased foot traffic by offering specials and sales and introducing new customers to their services. We want to thank all the participating Adams Avenue eateries that contribute to making this event a huge success. Taste of Adams Avenue takes place on the last Sunday in June.



Adams Avenue Spirit Stroll

AABA's 7th annual Adams Avenue Spirit Stroll featured holiday themed cocktails handcrafted by mixologists from Adams Avenue's bars and restaurants, served in different retail storefronts. Because cocktail servings are limited, sweets are offered in some of the 20 participating retailers hosting event locations. The 500 paid attendees sip, snack, shop and stroll along Adams Avenue. The event falls on the Saturday after Thanksgiving or on Small Business Saturday: a nationally coordinated effort sponsored by American Express to direct holiday shoppers to patronize small business.

Financial Review

2022 Year End Balance Sheet

	Dec 31, 22	INCOME \$463,574	
ASSETS		• •	
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
10035 ⋅ U. S. Bank	5,690.42	BID	
10060 · Edward Jones - Restricted	232,726.47	\$55,292 12%	
Total Checking/Savings	238,416.89	MAD	
Other Current Assets		\$59,577	
10145 · Accrued Revenue	1,100.00	Events 13% \$270,946	
12320 · SBEP City Fees & Services	5,087.56	58%	
12340 · MAD Receivable	4,730.76	Grants \$59,063	
12355 · Unplugged Receivable	475.00	13%	
12360 · City TOT Receivable	32,209.00	Program Management &	
12375 · City of SD Tech Assist/Acctng.	1,000.00	Fees	
Total Other Current Assets	44,602.32	\$18,696	
Total Current Assets	283,019.21	4%	
TOTAL ASSETS	283,019.21		
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities		Expenses \$469,296	
Other Current Liabilities		Expenses \$405,250	
22020 · Accrued Expenses	1,207.85	Advertising/Marketing	
22045 · BID Assessment	-16.30	\$48,811 11%	
22050 · SBEP Advance	8,127.00	Operating	
Total Other Current Liabilities	9,318.55	\$42,287	
Total Current Liabilities	9,318.55	9% Events Avenue \$192,627	
Total Liabilities	9,318.55	Maintenance 41%	
Equity		\$39,182 8%	
30020 · Net Assets		0.00	
30025 · Unrestricted Earnings	64,344.98	Personnel	
30035 · Board Designated Fund	250,000.00	\$146,389 31%	
Total 30020 · Net Assets	314,344.98		
Net Income	-40,644.32		
Total Equity TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	273,700.66 283,019.21		

2022 Year End Profit & Loss

	Jan - Dec 22		
Ordinary Income/Expense		50020 · Personnel	
Income		50027 · Office Staffing	128,151.63
40015 · Assessment Districts		50028 · Maintenance Staffing	13,924.28
40020 · BID	55,292.36	50034 · Federal Payroll Taxes	11,118.98
42000 · MAD	59,577.22	50035 · State Payroll Taxes	472.55
Total 40015 · Assessment Districts	114,869.58	50037 · Health Insurance	5,009.52
40025 · SBEP - Tech. Assistance/Acctng.	2,614.94	50038 · Workers Compensation	1,635.75
40040 · Special Events.		Total 50020 · Personnel	160,312.71
152 · Booth Rentals	134,016.63	51510 · Marketing	
153 · T.Shirt Sales	5,136.76	51515 · Printing and Reproduc- tion	1,084.35
155 · Beer Garden	27,275.99	51525 · Meeting Expenses	747.68
156 · Sponsorship	5,784.70	51530 · Website/Social Media	18,846.24
158 · Program Ads	150.00	51535 · Advertising	1,460.00
159 · Carnival	12,500.00	51550 · Promotion	1,150.00
160 · Ticket	58,016.71	51555 · Graphic Design	1,120.00
162 · The VIP Lounge	10,615.03	51560 · Holiday on Adams	890.60
165 · Stage Host	3,995.83	Total 51510 · Marketing	25,298.87
167 · Reserved Seating Tickets	6,717.10	52010 · Maintenance	
170 · Craft Beer taste	6,736.91	52020 · Contract Labor	19,328.05
Total 40040 · Special Events.	270,945.66	52025 · Utilities(Water/Electicity)	5,080.44
40050 · Program Income		52035 · Supplies	849.07
40070 · Other Income	23.97	Total 52010 · Maintenance	25,257.56
40085 · Advertising	320.00	53100 · Special Events	
40095 · Program Fees	1,475.00	53105 · Equipment Rental	31,128.53
40110 · Annual Meeting	1,107.85	53110 · Licenses and Permits	4,072.39
43000 · Maintenance	2,535.00	53115 · Promotional	5,102.00
43220 · N.H.C.C. Management	11,000.00	53120 · Food + Beverage	7,235.40
Total 40050 · Program Income	16,461.82	53125 · Contract Labor	94,780.51
40150 · SBEP - City Fees & Services	11,153.81	53140 · Music & Entertainment	31,500.00
40151 · City, County & State Grants	32,209.00	53145 · Advertising	23,511.60
40200 · Other Income	2,234.41	53160 · Graphic Design	5,120.00
41000 · SBEP Management Grant	13,084.86	53165 · Printing & Production	6,003.89
Total Income	463,574.08	53170 · Supplies	7,685.08
Expense		Total 53100 · Special Events	216,139.40
50040 Operating		Total Expense	469,295.95
50045 · Bank & Credit Card Charges	212.90	Net Ordinary Income	-5,721.87
50060 · Dues and Subscriptions	4,117.01	Other Income/Expense	
50065 · Contract Labor	900.00	Other Expense	
50070 · Postage and Delivery	116.00	50145 · Edward Jones Change in Value	34,922.45
50075 · Legal/Professional	2,259.41	Total Other Expense	34,922.45
50090 · Telephone	3,323.66	Net Other Income	-34,922.45
50095 · Meetings+Conventions	4,297.33	Net Income	-40,644.32
50100 · Travel	1,049.10		
50110 · Insurance	7,773.51		
50120 · Office Supplies	998.49		
50125 · Accounting	17,240.00		
Total 50040 Operating	42,287.41		

Other Projects & Activities

Website, Member Communications and Social Media

AABA website has details on our events, Board of Directors and committee meeting agendas and minutes, blog articles, business directory listings and more. Over 100,000 individuals visit the site each year, with 40,000 page hits occurring in September, coinciding with the Street Fair's promotional campaign. AABA increased its social media presence through daily promoted posts on Facebook and Instagram and now has 30,000 followers on the two platforms.

If you are currently not receiving electronic communication from the AABA, please contact the office with your email.



Holiday on Adams Avenue

This free Holiday gathering featured 10 tons of snow this year, which drew hundreds of neighborhood children and their families to Kensington Park. Everyone enjoyed hot chocolate and peppermint ice cream provided by Ponce's and Moosie's Ice Cream.

PROW Adams Avenue merchants are allowed limited use of their sidewalks through the Public Right-of-Way (PROW) permit program administered by AABA and other BIDs in the City of San Diego. Contact the Adams Avenue Business office for more information.

Kaleidoscope of Butterflies Mosaic Mural in Adams Park

AABA has led a fundraising campaign for the installation of a mosaic mural in Adams Park by artist Kim Emerson. \$35,000 has been raised so far, with a goal of \$50,000. When complete, the mosaic mural will become part of the City's permanent art collection through a contract with the Commission for Arts and Culture.





Replica Community Signs For Sale



A portion of the Kaleidoscope fundraising efforts is based on selling miniature replica community signs of Normal Heights and Kensington for \$125 each. These signs are provided by Category 6 LED and are available for sale at Ponce's Mexican Restaurant (Kensington sign), the Ould Sod (Normal Heights sign) and online at this link. The LED signs have a remote control with dimmer and flashing modes.

Normal Heights Community Center



AABA manages the Normal Heights Community Center and its hall reservations. Located at 4649 Hawley Blvd., the space is occupied during the week with community group meetings and Global Visions Academy students. However, it is available for weekend rentals to the general public for social gatherings, birthday parties, quinceaneras, baby showers, etc. The hall includes a full kitchen, a stage, and front and rear patios. Low rates between \$25-50 per hour make it affordable to the community. Approximately 1,000 people a month use the facility.

Board Members, Staff, Committees



2022 AABA Board Members

Ryan Altman, President, Community Wellness
Dave McPheeters, 1st Vice President, Zac's Attic *
Nicky McGreevy, 2nd Vice President, Align Pilates
Doug Generoli, Treasurer, Adams Ave Car Wash *
David Harding, Secretary, Edward Jones
Lisa Johnson, Top Dog Wash & Groom
Tony Carrillo, Carrillo's Auto Body & Collision *
Mick Ward, The Ould Sod
Russ Vuich, Apartment Owner *
LT Lanham, Dink's Barber Shop
Meredith Walton, Heights Optometry
Derith Mason, Artistic Florals
Devon Jina, Heights Market
Rachel Strueber, Salon Bordeaux

2023 Board Member Election

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Ryan Altman		
Lisa Johnson		
☐ Tony Carillo		
☐ Mick Ward		
LT Lanham		

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Committees

Board of Directors—1st Tuesday of the month, 8 am, 4649 Hawley Blvd.

Promotions—2nd Tuesday of the month, 8 am, via zoom. Tasks include special events, member mixers, and district marketing.

Business Planning & Development—Currently meeting with Promotions (otherwise 3rd Tuesday each month at 8 am). Tasks include support of public improvements, new development, economic expansion and diversification, banner projects, maintenance, storefront improvement projects, and public right-of-way issues.

Finance—3rd Friday of the month, 9:30 am, 3120 Laurel St. Tasks include fiscal oversight of AABA and compliance of financial reporting requirements with regular and periodic review of financial documents.

Executive—Wednesday before the Board Meeting, 8 am, via zoom. Tasks include preparing for the Board Meeting and direct monetary resources and staff to events and tasks.