



**TOURISM MARKETING DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING**

Wednesday, January 22, 2025 • 4:30pm

Meeting Minutes

City of Visalia Administrative Offices -220 N. Santa Fe

Chair: Hector Ramos		Staff: Sherrie Bakke,		
Members Present: Anil Chagan Carrie Groover Samantha Rummage – Mathias		Members Absent: David Ahern	Present - 4 Absent – 1 Quorum – Y	Others Present/Guests: Walter Deissler – Visalia Heritage Alison Miniaci – Visalia Heritage John Lollis – City of Visalia
TOPIC	Discussion/Recommendations		ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
Call to Order	Hector Ramos, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:52 pm.		Information only	Ramos
Public Comment	<i>This time is allowed for comments on subject matters pertaining to items on the agenda. Each speaker will be allowed three minutes. No action can be taken, at this time, on items mentioned in public comments.</i>		No Public Comment	
	Action Items			
1. Visalia Heritage Presentation	Visalia Heritage presented an update on their intended purchase of The Historic Train Depot to convert into a Cultural /Heritage Museum. They need to conduct a capital campaign to secure \$6 million in funding to purchase the building and property, renovate and provide the first year of operations. Visalia Heritage is requesting the Tourism Marketing District loan the money necessary to engage a capital campaign manager. Rummage-Mathias motioned to loan \$95,000 to Visalia Heritage to conduct a capital campaign for the purchase and renovation of Visalia's historic train depot to serve as a cultural museum. The terms of the loan will be approved at a future special or regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Chagan. Motion Carrie		Loan to Visalia Heritage	Rummage-Mathias/Chagan
6. Adjourn	The special meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm		Adjourn	Ramos

The next regular meeting

Wednesday, February 26, 2025, 3:00pm – Visit Visalia Conference Room