

## Board Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2018

### Board Members present:

James Holzer, Sheryl Davenport, David Mastin, Lana Stein, Kim Freter, Molly Rater, Cheryl Adelstein, Charlene Caburnay, Karla Carroll

### Board Members absent:

Gene Gladstone, Dan Hudspeth, Randy Getz, Rachel Asen, Jessica Eiland, Marnita Spight

Board President Jim Holzer called the meeting to begin. He requested for all SDCC board members to be on at least 1 committee. Every board member should indicate which committee they will serve on, and let Jim know.

James Martin and Jim Merkel from the German American Heritage Society Request have sent a letter to the SDCC re: 6 street names that were changed in World War I from a German name to a non-German name. The GAHS will pay replacement and installation for the street signs, including Enright from Skinker just east of the WUSTL entrance (Rosedale) as part of the SDCC. Was originally Von Versen Avenue. Would like to have everything settled by October 2018, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the War. Typical process involves getting support from the community (a letter of opposition or support from SDCC), generating a petition with signatures, then submit to Board of Aldermen. The board will review by the beginning of September, to allow for the Alderwoman to also review. The Board will review the information and get back to them at a later date. Additional discussion expressed concern about the exclusion of other groups.

- Minutes from the March 2018 meeting were approved.
- Financials were sent via email. Financials from April 2018 were approved.
  - YTD Income: \$28,629.15
  - YTD Expenses: \$30,073.93
  - Total Bank Accounts: \$93,140.35 (Operating: \$73,048.54)

Board Retreat Recap: Brandon Sterling: overall retreat was very good. Day 2 should have done more with setting goals. Molly's suggestion: Brandon plus 2 Board members continue writing draft of goals and objectives, including liberty to expound on goals, with idea that the next meeting could be used to review and vote on. This process was approved by the board.

### Program updates by Brandon:

- **Neighborhood (DeGiverville) House Fire** – any donations made to SDCC during the month previous was redirected toward those neighbors. One piece of contrary feedback: as long as the Council has existed, it's never done this, and another neighbor had a fire and the Council never

collected money for them. Discussion included: (1) It's not taking money from the Council, it's soliciting for donations; (2) In other cases you hear on the news, a separate bank account is established for that purpose and would feel more comfortable with that; (2) against having a set-aside fund for neighborhood emergencies; the current system is a pass-through system that is a short-term donation, running through end of the month, it's currently difficult to be able to give them anything because they aren't living in the house; (3) Brandon treats it as a separate line item in the budget, recorded in quick books, records what was collected and distributed; (4) smoke and carbon dioxide detectors could be something that's looked at, similarly to the LED porch lights.

- **HomeShare St. Louis** – recruitment has started, 2 homeowners have signed up, along with other people who have expressed interest. Freedman Center for Aging (Washington University) will support a graduate assistant, data analysis around HomeShare, etc. Other organizations will also work with the participants and push to other communities interested in homeshare models. Applied for first grant last week and will learn in June. Hopes to also help create home repair services for older adults. Media reporter would like to do a story on this once it's up and running. There is usually a background check or income limit. SDCC would not get these details, but would get the approval or disapproval for the resident. Since SDCC identifies potential participants and provides a recommendation for matching for HomeShare, existing processes from other organizations will be used. The final matching will be done by the homeowner and the student. Recommendations include inserting an Indemnification clause. Brandon will send the grant proposal and the other descriptive and supporting materials to Kim Freter for legal review.
- **Home Repair Initiative** – Brandon in talks with local banks interested in being involved in working with City Repair and Rebuilding Together to pitch how they can work together. Banks would help provide low-interest financing. City of Cleveland is one model: Nonprofit, City, and bank collaborations to do home repair. Still fleshing out how it would work. There is usually a background check or income limit.
- **Dog Park Leadership Team** – the Dog Park committee will be working on compliance, insurance, and possibly at the Dog Show in June to survey residents. Board member Mike Stephens inquired about the ownership structure: have a structure -- Housing Corp. owns the land, will be set up like other dog parks. Discussion: concern about dog safety/which breeds will be allowed to join/enter; that Housing Corp. should administer because it's their property and SDCC is limited in terms of personnel; membership fees would be collected by Housing Corp but they won't be making money on this venture; money for maintaining dog park will be covered by the membership fees; does SDCC want to assume the liability for the insurance and the ongoing staff time required; talk with other successful dog parks to see what their bylaws are; suggest that leadership team meeting minutes should be more detailed than what's presented.
- **St. Louis Greater Community Foundation** – opportunity for emerging neighborhoods. West End is one of two neighborhoods going through this.

### Aldermanic Report:

- Last week, voted on charter changes, including City's residency requirement. Will be on November ballot. However, no data available on why this change should be made. Only evidence shown so far is anecdotal.
- Reducing wards: bill introduced to go from 28 to 14 wards, and will be on ballot in April 2019. Proposed resolution to create an advisory committee to investigate this, including redrawing ward lines, logistics for support, NSOs, liquor licenses, etc. Meeting at 6:40pm on Wednesday.
- AirBnB/short-term rentals: still working on legislation. Looking to Kansas City, including low-density areas. Call 231-1212 to report nuisance properties due to short-term renters.
- Great Streets/Forest Park design for accessing the park: would like feedback on design ideas. If anything's done, it will first undergo a trial phase.
- Sometime over the summer, the Forsyth/Sinker intersection will be improved on the eastbound side.

### Dan Schesch:

- Re: plan to reduce Lindell Blvd. from 4 lanes to 2 lanes. Reviewed report. Planners did not meet with the SDCC. No members on SDCC on Forest Park Advisory Board (other than Alderwoman Navarro), but anyone can join the advisory board. One comment that one consultant said was that the Park was underutilized, based on a 2012 traffic count. An October 2017 traffic count showed double that traffic count. Dan does not agree that the Park is underutilized. Proposed roundabout at Lindell and Union. Speeding on Lindell is an issue, and how to manage that. Would like to see SDCC get a seat at the table. Alderwoman Navarro clarified that the process to date involved creating potential designs, but hasn't been funded yet. If there is funding, a full-blown study will be conducted with traffic counts, etc.

### Andy Cross:

- Great turnout on Blitz Day.
- Planting day/Electronics Recycling on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12pm. Brightside will provide flowers and tomatoes. It's a plant exchange – can trade or take. Wood chips and grass seed available.
- Barricades on Westminster/Rosedale and at Kingsbury are now fixed.
- Dog Show on June 12<sup>th</sup>
- Breakfast Garden Tour – June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Need SDCC to sell tickets. Andy does everything else!

### Announcements:

- Cheryl Adelstein, after 12 years at WU and SDCC, is moving on. Leaving at end of July. Will come to July meeting with her replacement.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm.