

## **SDCC Board Meeting Minutes**

**Monday September 10, 2018 7p.m.**  
**SDCC Office, 6008 Kingsbury Ave**

### **ATTENDANCE:**

#### **Board Members Present.**

James Holzer, Molly Rater, Gene Gladstone, Sheryl Davenport, Charlene Caburnay, , Mike Stephens, Jessica Eiland, Joanna Schooler, Gary Boehnke.

**Staff.** Brandon Sterling

**Guests.** Andy Cross, Rachelle L'Ecuyer, Dan Schesch

**Aldermanic Representative:** Heather Navarro

#### **Neighborhood Stabilization Officers.**

**Call to Order.** President Jim Holzer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and introductions were made.

#### **Community Announcements and Speakers**

##### **Proposed Hodiament Tracks Greenway – Darby Latham and Elizabeth Simons**

Elizabeth and Darby presented information about the proposed Hodiament Greenway and came to survey interest in support of the Hodiament project. The listening phase of the project ends with 2018. If sufficient interest exists in the project efforts at design will begin in 2019 with the possibility of construction initiated in 2020.

**July 2018 Minutes.** The July 2018 minutes were approved.

#### **August 2018 Financials.**

Recommended the future addition of financial information reflected in the accounts of Operating, Net Income, and Reserve.

#### **The Financial Report was approved.**

The financial report indicates revenue of \$56,368.02 and expenses of \$66,772.40. Total assets are \$83,369.14.

#### **Future Development in Skinker DeBaliviere.**

Brandon updated the Board on developments within the community regarding projects in progress. The gas station lot is nearing a decision on an anchor tenant which appears to be CVS Pharmacy at this time. The Church's Chicken lot appears to be planned for a 5-7 story building with 1<sup>st</sup> floor retail, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor parking and upper floor residential space. Feedback Brandon received indicates the need for input regarding the DeBaliviere Metro station. Consideration of a police sub station has been expressed. Neighbor support for sharing ideas is welcome. A group of neighbors initiated a petition expressing serious concern over parking on Skinker. As a result, a meeting among Brandon, Heather Navarro, the Street Department, and other concerned entities was held. Ideas for decreased parking, time exception parking, and a parking lot were discussed as potential solutions to the problematic safety issues resulting from curbside parking. Brandon reports good

cooperation and the anticipation of proposals that will be sent to Heather. The DeGiverville property extensively damaged in a summer fire has been sold and Brandon will make contact with the new owners and encourage expedited action.

### **Homecoming 2018 – A Night of DECADence.**

Homecoming is one of our two largest fundraisers. Last year the event cleared over \$17,000. Brandon sent eighteen requests for funding for the event and requested input for additional revenue sources. Auction items are always needed. Creative ideas are welcomed.

### **Block Unit Community Garden Purchase.**

Brandon followed up on a recommendation to examine our willingness to purchase the Community Garden from the LRA. The SDHC will negotiate with the City to purchase the property to protect the long term sustainability of the Community Garden.

### **Committee and Community Reports.**

Our BBQ concert has met with uncooperative weather. Our first concert was forced to begin late and end early due to rain. The second concert was postponed until October as a result of a widely witnessed miscalculation by weather forecasters. The next concert is scheduled for Saturday, September 15.

Rags to Riches was a success on a great day of weather and participation. An increase in advertising appeared to bring an increase in foot traffic. We must turn that increase into an increase in yardfronts points of sale for the event.

### **Beautification**

The Westminster/Skinker parking lot was weeded by neighbors and will be mulched. An effort to enlist the City to supply native plants for landscaping is underway.

### **Aldermanic Reports.**

Heather is working on the committee for examination of Ward reduction. The committee is examining the restructuring of City Government based on a reduction in Wards from 20-14 in anticipation of the 2020 census. Heather is also working on short-term rental properties. She reported contradictory opinions within the City on legalities associated with short term rentals. October 5<sup>th</sup> is Energy Efficiency Day. Refuse is a topic of concern. The City will have 30 new trucks by the end of the year. We have more routes than trucks. The City recognizes the seriousness of issues associated with refuse and encourages communication when problems arise. Heather reports traffic issues between Skinker and Kingshighway are a primary concern for citizen safety.

### **Old Business.**

#### **New Business.**

Joanna addressed the Washington University construction on Skinker and the addition of a 5<sup>th</sup> building on the WU campus which will require an amendment to the current plan. The new building, McKelvey Hall, will front Skinker and lie entirely within the city.

Rachelle L'Ecuyer spoke on her new position as the point of contact for the Delmar Loop. Her area spans the 6600 to 5800 blocks of Delmar. Rachelle works with both University

City and the City of St. Louis. Promoting the area, working on promoting existing events and developing new events.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:15**

Minutes respectively submitted by Gene Gladstone, Board Secretary.