

SDCC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY JULY 8, 2019 7:00 P.M.
SDCC OFFICE, 6008 KINGSBURY AVE

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Molly Rater, Gene Gladstone, Mickey Clarke, Kim Freter, Rachelle L'Ecuyer, Dan Hudspeth, Dave Mastin, Joanna Schooler, Kathryn Bulard

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mike Stevens, Marnita Spight, Jim Holzer, Mike Kauffmann, Sheryl Davenport

GUESTS:

Dan Schesch, Andy Cross, Lake, Jack Mosinger, Michael Daniels, Yvette Kell, Kari Dorf. Venita Lake

STAFF:

Brandon Sterling

CALL TO ORDER:

President Molly Rater called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

INTRODUCTIONS AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dan Schesch - Update on the proposed housing project for older adults:

It has taken Dan four years to determine the environmental status of this former gas station site. The Department of Natural Resources performed testing that revealed numerous contaminants. The DNR issued guidelines to abate these contaminants. The cost of remediation is \$70,000, which exceeds the assessed valuation of \$40,000. A couple of neighbors have raised concerns about the abatement of the contaminants on the lot. The concentration of lead is within the DNR default target level in every core sample. Arsenic exists below the naturally occurring background level. Hydrocarbon contaminants exist and are above acceptable levels and must be removed. The DNR states there are methods to follow (best practices) when extracting the existing fuel tank. A licensed contractor will extract the tank while preventing dust to stop contaminated dust from posing a neighborhood health hazard. Dan indicated there is no incentive to cut corners and working with the DNR and a licensed contractor would insure a safe extraction of the fuel tank and abatement of existing contaminants. This process was done successfully on the property now occupied by the animal hospital in the neighborhood. Dan has sought input on the concept and design of a facility in which older adults could live independently. Dan will host a meeting this summer to address neighborhood questions and concerns.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS:

SHAMEEM HUBBARD

This is the last week of the Aldermanic session

The residency bill for police is being considered for placement on the May ballot. The vote to place the proposal on the ballot will take place on Friday. Shameem welcomes the input of all residents. Work to restore water service at Lucier Park is ongoing and should be completed soon.

HEATHER NAVARRO

Tuesday, July 9, Heather will be one of the hosts of a meeting for the public regarding the DeBaliviere TOD project at 6:30 at the Forest Park visitor center. A new committee on Education and Youth Matters has been formed. Marijuana legislation will pass in the next Aldermanic meeting. Heather has been sending the zoning and housing committee information gathered regarding housing concerns. Once these become public, a wider range of input will emerge and this will not necessarily support the position of the SDCC on short term residential rentals. The ward reduction advisory committee is seeking city business owner and not for profit participation. Lindell improvement designs will be shared in mid August including lane reduction and a bicycle lane. An interim solution to the bridge on Lindell is being developed. Heather emphasized the work on

neighborhood committees has an impact on the Board of Alderman. The Form Based Code draft is still moving through the approval process.

JUNE BOARD MINUTES:

APPROVED with attendance corrections.

JUNE 2019 FINANCIALS:

BUDGET VS ACTUALS and BALANCE SHEET

Line item 4041 does not reflect the Washington University contribution of \$16,000 received today. This will leave us with a budget surplus of ~\$3,000.

Line item 4052 shows the Porchfest earned and updated total of \$2,956

Line item 4102 shows the Breakfast Garden Tour earned an updated total of \$1,095.

SDCC earned \$74 in interest on deposits in Operational Savings last month.

A new line item was started for the Dog Park.

APPROVED

DeBALIVIERE TOD PROJECT:

The public meeting is tomorrow. Brandon is expecting between 100-200 people. Brandon has supplied a Joint Community Report in the Board Packet. Brandon presented information at a meeting with DeBaliiviere Place and indicated a positive response by those in attendance. Bi-State will provide some information regarding proposed improvements in safety, security and aesthetics of the Metro station. The goal of the project is to create new housing with people who have a primary interest in using public transportation and reducing their traffic and congestion footprint.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Molly reports three meetings have been held in search of an alternative to "Homecoming" which provides ~10% of our operating budget. The current thought is to offer a "Taste of Skinker DeBaliiviere". Joe Edwards has indicated he may be willing to give us the Moonrise for this event. The current thought is to launch this event in October. The Committee is seeking feedback on the concept of the new event, the proposed October date, and a name for the event. The continuation of music at the event and its volume is a consideration and strategies to accommodate the tastes of all attendees are ongoing. The volunteer base is currently small and more volunteers are welcome. The Everly doesn't have a space but Delmar hall is an option. Rachelle can check on the possibility. The need for a liquor license may be a consideration given that we earn a considerable sum from donated beer and wine.

COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY REPORTS:

Andy Cross reports the good rain of the last month has resulted in lots of growth and the need to trim consistently. Andy always welcomes volunteers interested in contributing to watering. The Dog Show was a big success and a pleasure to produce. The July concert will be held on Saturday, July 16. Volunteers are needed. Andy is exploring the idea of Rags to Riches continuing as a "neighborhood capital" event to provide an opportunity for neighbors to meet and interact with other neighbors. Potential net revenue dispersal could include the SDCC or the Dog Park.

DELMAR LOOP REPORT:

Rachelle reports **Piccione** will, sadly, be closing. Washington University is looking for someone to lease the space. Pace properties is assisting in the search. Prime 55 is now open! A plan is in the working stages to create street enhancements signage and banners to tie the blocks along Delmar together. WSP, is working on the Metro Link design and enhancement. They are discussing lighting and design to make the stations safer and more attractive.

Delmar Loop Week resulted in a spike in attendance. Delmar Loop week reached an audience of 1.2 million people. *Essence* magazine wrote about people visiting STL and supporting Black owned businesses. 37 black owned currently exist in the loop. Rachelle is in touch with the Black Chamber of Commerce. Talks are to be scheduled to insure Juneteenth can go off regardless of the weather.

OLD BUSINESS:

We have not had an annual meeting yet this year as mandated by Board By-Laws. Consideration is being given to the creation of an innovative concept that is concurrent with an existing date.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18