

SDCC Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 14, 2019 7:00 p.m.
SDCC Office, 6008 Kingsbury Ave

Present:

Brandon Sterling, Molly Rater, Rachelle L'Ecuyer, Dave Mastin, Jim Holzer, Micky Clarke, Sheryl Davenport, Mike Stephens, Dan Hudspeth, Kim Freter, Joanna Schooler,

Absent:

Mike Kaufmann, Marnita Spight, Kathryn Bullard

Guests:

Gary Boehnke, Zach Romo, Alice Halbert, Wesley Whgite, Andy Cross, Linda Cross, Jon Frank, Courtney Barrett, Daniel Schesch, Michael Evans, Jeff Stokes

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Introductions and Community Announcements

Aldermanic Reports

Heather Navarro:

Heather reports:

The City of St. Louis is working on traffic study of the SDCC neighborhood. Connectivity, speeding, and pedestrian safety are the most prominent concerns.

The Form-Based-Code project under discussion combines the voices of the SDCC, West End, and DeBaliviere Place neighborhoods into one strong voice for the adherence to a standardized set of building codes which have the wishes of the neighborhood enforced by the clout of the City of St. Louis.

There will be an opportunity for public commentary on the DeBaliviere /Metro TIF on the 31st of October. The City is finishing up the STL Equitable Economic Development strategy. It is available online at: <https://stleconomicdevelopmentstrategy.com/>.

The Board of Aldermen approved a 5 million dollars appropriation for Cure Violence, a program to prevent gun violence and homicides in high crime neighborhoods.

Shameem Hubbard:

Shameem reports:

There is ongoing discussion among interested parties concerning the aerial surveillance proposal made by Persistent Surveillance Systems. This law enforcement tool would capture high-resolution images of the entire city every second enabling a near real time data-base of all outdoor activity within the city. Questions regarding the application of the Sunshine Law to this effort as well as who gets to view such data are among the concerns expressed by Shameem. Further discussion will continue at the next STL Board of Aldermen's Public Safety Committee meeting.

Delmar Loop Report

Rachelle L'Ecuyer:

There was a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday to celebrate the opening of the restaurant Prime 55. Halloween in the Loop will feature two events in one. First, a pet contest at the Moonrise Hotel followed by a scavenger hunt. Rachelle continues working on

the East Loop strategic plan presentation. Invested parties have been setting up streetscapes from 6000-5800 blocks of Delmar.

August – September 2019 Minutes

August – September Minutes Approved

August – September 2019 Financials

It was noted there was a substantial discrepancy in operational account from October 2018 to October 2019. Brandon explained this is due to the operational savings account creation. The operational savings account allows us to move all operational funds to an interest bearing account until the funds are ready for dispersal. Friends Campaign funds received up until February 1st are backdated to the previous year to reflect when the campaign began.

Total Income: \$63,469.54

Total Expenses: \$77,224.73

Net Operating Income: (\$13,755.19)

August – September Financials Approved

The Skinker DeBaliviere Taste

Thanks to all who came. Great attendance necessitated additional food purchases. ~120 people attended. This first annual event beat the projection of \$10,000 by raising \$11,600. The planning committee was commended for their efforts. Analysis of the event at the next meeting will address strengths and opportunities for future growth.

Planning and Development Activities

Motion #1:

Authorize the SDCC to take a lead position on completion of the Form- Based Code. The Form Based Code will impact the neighborhoods of SDCC, West End, and DeBaliviere Place.

Motion Passed

Motion #2:

Authorize \$1,000 contribution towards estimated cost to complete the Form-Based Code.

Motion Passed.

Proposed Westminster Senior Housing Project Update

Brandon acknowledged concerns among neighbors about the remediation of potentially hazardous materials at the site of the proposed senior housing project and the development of the project itself. Neighbors and the Developer appear to be near an impasse on this proposed project.

A motion was made to direct the Community Development Committee to schedule a meeting to review existing and new information regarding this proposal with two weeks advanced notice to all neighbors. The Committee will report the results of their meeting and make any recommendations at our November meeting.

Motion Passed

Fiscal Sponsorship: Ivory Perry Park Concert Series

Motion: Authorize a year-to-year fiscal management agreement with Ivory Perry Park

Concert Committee, charging 12% fee.

Motion Passed

Committee Reports:

Andy Cross

Beautification Committee:

Spire fixed a bent post at the Westminster turn. Andy replaced a box over the repaired post and repaired another. The Food Drive very successful and Andy thanked all participants.. The Halloween party at St. Roch's is almost planned out. 5:45-6:30. Entertainment will be provided. Andy's team donated \$105 dollars of the proceeds of their event to the dog park .Rags to Riches will match and exceed the donation with \$150 and proposed an equal donation to SDCC.

Linda Cross

The Residential Housing and Zoning Committee meets every 2 weeks and is working with our aldermen to examine short term housing rentals and their impact across the country and in the SDCC. The Committee is working to get 21 neighborhood properties re-inspected for zoning and occupancy compliance. The new City inspector has been invited to the committee meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32