

SDCC Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 9, 2019 7:00 p.m.
SDCC Office, 6008 Kingsbury Ave

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members Present:

Molly Rater, Sheryl Davenport, Gene Gladstone, Jim Holzer, Rachelle L'Ecuyer, Mickey Clarke, Dave Mastin, Kim Freter, Marnita Spight, Joanna Schooler

Board Members Absent:

Mike Stephens, Dan Hudspeth

Staff:

Brandon Sterling

Aldermanic Representative:

Shameem Clark Hubbard

Water restoration at Lucier Park is approved and paid for by the Park Department but the contractor has yet to begin work.

Neighborhood Stabilization Officers:

Visitors:

Andy Cross, Linda Cross, Cora Gipson, King Schoenfeld, Jeff Stokes, Karen Stokes, Allie Halbert, Zach Romo, Zac Cogley, Molly Mulcahy, Jack Mosinger, Jon Frank, Ryan Harrison, Kenneth Burton, Randy Vines, Daniel Schesh, Stephany Lewis, Yvette Kell.

Call to Order:

President Molly Rater called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and introductions were made.

July 2019 Minutes:

The July 2019 minutes will be voted on during the October meeting. (There was no August meeting)

March – April 2019 Financials

Acknowledgement of the existence and approval of the March 2019 and April 2019 Financial Reports was given. Remaining Financial Reports will be approved at the October meeting.

The Report to the Community

Strategic Planning Highlights:

Molly Rater:

Molly highlighted the mission and vision of the SDCC Strategic Plan, including the six goals established by the Board. (See the Board Packet). Molly highlighted the SDCC strengths regarding implementation of the Plan as well as highlighting an opportunity and need for volunteerism. Security and Fundraising while effective were also highlighted as opportunities for growth.

2018 Annual Report to the Community:

Brandon Sterling

Brandon introduced the four areas of emphasis in the Mission of the SDCC: Support, Community, Voice, and Action. He discussed the origin of the organization and its reach as a community development corporation. Brandon identified the benefits of such organizations and described the most prominent programs to emerge this year. (See the Board Packet) Brandon also highlighted the scope of activities undertaken by the SDCC staff. The financial report for 2018 shows Revenue of \$90,997 and Expenses of \$103,468. The year-end balance was \$80,657.

Committee Reports 2018 – 2019

The following standing committees gave reports of the activities of 2018:

Community Development – Nicole Blumner

Brandon gave a summary of the Community Development Committee's activities over the past year. (See Community Reports for more Details)

Residential Zoning and Housing – Linda Cross

Linda described the need for the committee to focus on non-owner occupied single-family homes as properties presenting potential pitfalls. The committee referred 21 properties to the city for zoning and housing violations. The City attorney agreed to there were violations and proceeded to engage owners without evicting tenants. The committee is now focused on repeat offenders. Short-term rental regulations are a focus of the committee and are the subject of ongoing research and review.

(See Community Reports for more Details)

Block Unit Program – Molly Mulcahy, and Christin McGroaty

(See Community Reports for Details)

Historic District Review – Jim Holzer

Jim described the process the HDRC utilizes when evaluating whether proposed construction projects in the neighborhood meet the Historic District standards set forth by the neighborhood. Updating of the standards for historic preservation and renovation was completed in November 2018.

(See Community Reports for more Details)

Beautification – Andy Cross - Chairman and only member

Andy highlighted some of this year's events and accomplishments:

Garden tour's 21st year.

Planter Boxes around the neighborhood.

Coordinated lessons from Gateway Greenings (22 years).

The maintenance and replacement of barricades at Westminster Rosdale and McPherson

Yellow curb painting.

Bee hive spray protection. (City phone number available for interested residents).

(See Community Reports for more Details)

Commercial Districts – Randy Vines

Randy described the work of the committee as the oversight of building design and the form and function of the buildings and the business that occupy them. The role of the committee

is to envision the best possible outcome for projects in the neighborhood. The committee has oversight regarding conditional use permits and liquor licenses. Members are now examining the policies needed to address the potential presence marijuana related businesses.

(See Community Reports for more Details)

Fundraising – Molly Rater

Molly described the nature of the tasks faced by the Fundraising Committee. She highlighted new opportunities for growth as well. We can expect to see some new events in 2019, including “Skinker DeBaliviere Taste 2019”, to be celebrated on the rooftop of the Moonrise Hotel. The price is \$25 along with a cash bar. Molly described a need for volunteers. Potential expansion of PorchFest and ideas surrounding WinterMarkt were also described.

(See Community Reports for more Details)

Dog Park – Mickey Clarke

The dog park has adopted a vision and the park footprint is included in the Board Packet. The Committee is engaged in navigating the certification process with the City. The estimate of the Committee calls for fundraising \$70,000.

(See Community Reports for more Details)

Finance – Sheryl Davenport

Newly formed and formally adopted in 2019. The committee works with fundraising to determine cost effectiveness of SDCC sponsored activities. It also worked with the Board to adopt a cash management policy approved in 2019. The committee enacted new monetary/security controls for handling cash.

(See Community Reports for more Details)

Security Committee – Mark Gorman and Ken Burton

Monthly meetings are held in combination with the SLPD, Washington University PD, MetroLink, neighborhood specialists, and alderpersons. The positive change in Metro Link is dramatic and much credit should be given to stabilization officers, Ortvals and Blaskowitz

(See Community Reports for more Details)

Delmar Loop Report - Rachelle L’Ecuyer

Rachelle will be participating in the Metro safety meeting on infrastructure improvements. The East Loop security plan is progressing. The East Loop is developing a 3 – 5 five year plan. There is ongoing development on streetscape concepts including lighting and pedestrian crossings to tie the blocks along Delmar together. Essence magazine wrote about the 37 Black owned business currently operating in the Loop and the support they bring to the community. We look forward to the “Afterglow” event after the Balloon glow in Forest Park.

(See Community Reports for more Details)

Q&A

None

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:17