

SDCC Virtual Board Meeting Minutes April 13, 2020

Meeting commenced by phone at 7:05 pm

Attending: Molly Rater, Sheryl Davenport, Mickey Clark, Sharon Neumeister, Jim Holzer, JoAnna Schooler, Andy Cross, Heather Navarro, Shameem Hubbard, Mike Stephens, Dave Mastin, Jeff and Karen Stokes

No community announcements

Aldermanic reports: Heather Navarro reported about resources for Covid and she has about 3000 mailers with information about Covid to distribute if anyone interested. She will contact Karen Kelsey about including the mailers with the next Times distribution. Some cell phone companies will be installing cells in our area, mostly on light poles. Forestry department is doing a lot of work and cutting down trees in our area. Traffic survey is still open with limited response. The Pearl Project is moving forward and they are expected to break ground in early May. Shameem reported that if you or someone you or someone you know is in need of any help during these times, especially mental health resources, they can call 2-1-1 or visit <http://www.211helps.org/>.

Delmar Loop Report: No report

February Minutes: No minutes submitted

Financial report: Molly reported that the Council is saving money with no ED salary for 3-4 months. Wash U payment will be coming in the near future. Molly reported that Karen is making entries in QuickBooks but we could use help from any one on the board who has expertise with QuickBooks. Mickey made a motion to approve the financial report and Sheryl seconded. The motion passed.

Executive Director Search: This is on hold for now due to the Covid pandemic. The recruitment committee hopes to resume the process in June and present a candidate to the Board at the June or July board meeting.

Interim Projects:

Form based Code: There is a funding gap and process on hold for now

Pearl Project: Progressing and contactor set to break ground in early May. Molly will reach out to Nicole about CBA (Community Benefits Agreement). Heather not involved in CBA.

Porchfest: Postponed until September. Income on budget increased to 5000 this year.

Annual Fundraiser: We will need a new idea this year due to Coronavirus. Moonrise is unlikely to be able to donate space this year. We will not be able to approach restaurants for donations this year due to financial climate.

DeBaliviere Place: DP contact has Molly's contact information and has not made contact yet.

New Bridge over Metrolink: Construction looks like it is about to begin but it is not. Shameem explained in an email that the activity was from Ameren or Spire and not from the BPS (Board of Public Service)

April 2020 - Committee Reports for February/March 2020 Activity

Beautification Committee – February-March 2020 – Submitted by Andy Cross, Chair

The tulips and daffodils that we planted from Brightside have come up in beautiful colors along the Forest Park Expressway. Other bulbs from that project were planted at the triangle park at Laurel and Waterman, also the playground at Greg Freeman Park, the lot across from the playground, and at Lucier Park.

Porchfest was scheduled for May 3rd, but we have postponed it to the fall. We will look at dates as the situation develops.

Our Blitz day is scheduled for April 25th, we do not plan on having any group clean up projects, but we will sent the usual flyer, where we have added the words "stay safe and maintain social distances".

Our annual Electronics Recycling Day and Planting Day are currently scheduled for May 9th. We will keep physical distancing standards and keep safe when handling items and keeping things sanitized.

The McPherson Garden has had three of our four spring workdays. We are keeping tools sanitized and keeping our distance. The McPherson Garden is doing very well, despite the challenges of the day.

Residential Housing and Zoning Committee – February-March 2020 - Submitted by Linda Cross, Chair

The Residential Housing and Zoning committee had committee members attend and speak at a hearing on short term rental legislation proposed for the city. The hearing was moved on and off of the calendar, and moved days several times so that it was difficult to send representatives to speak. We are waiting on recommendations that came out of the hearing. We have suspended in person meetings during the period of the stay-at-home order.

Community Development Committee – February-March 2020 - Submitted by Nicole Blumner, Chair

I can report that in February, we held an initial meeting of the Form Based Code Steering committee, we fundraised for same (which is now on hold due to a funding gap), and we coordinated with Dan Schesch on some of his efforts to advance the 6001 Westminster housing development.

Not much activity in March - everything is on hold.

Commercial Districts Development Committee – February-March 2020 – Submitted by Rachelle L'Ecuyer, Chair

1. Chicken Out, 6197 Delmar. New business to open soon. They have requested a review of their walk-up window (like Mission Taco Joint) and a dine-in liquor license for wine and beer only. The committee will review the request on Wednesday, April 15 at 1 PM.

2. The Link in the Loop building sign has been installed and the sidewalk is open!
3. Pearl Development (per Alderwoman Heather Navarro) the project is moving forward and they will notify us of their schedule. They are currently waiting on sign-off's on some approvals from City Hall.

Historic District Committee – February-March 2020 – Submitted by Nancy Hohmann, Chair

Nothing to report.

Security Committee – February-March 2020 – Lana Stein, Secretary

No report received.

Upcoming activities: We plan to go ahead with Blitz day on April 25th and Planting Day on May 9th because they are outdoor activities and social distancing can be observed. Neighbors should use their own judgment about whether or not to participate

New Business: Dave Mastin reported that the CID has rearranged its budget to make approximately \$100,000 available to help businesses to supplement rent payments. There is a committee, separate from the CID board, set up to review requests from businesses in the CID area and disperse funds.

The consensus of the group is to meet virtually again in May to keep continuity of monthly board meetings.

Old Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Molly Rater