

Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council (SDCC)

July 13, 2020

SDCC Board Meeting:

Monday, July 13, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting – Hosted by Molly Rater

Attendance:

Board Members Present:

Molly Rater, James Holzer, Joanna Schooler, Marnita Spight, Mike Stephens, Mickey Clarke, Jeff Stokes, Kathryn Bulard, David Mastin, Rochelle L'Ecuyer, Sheryl Davenport, Jim Holzer

Board Member Absent: Kim Freter, Sharon Neumeister, Gene Gladstone, Dan Hudpeth, Repps Hudson

Guest: Alderwoman Heather Navarro, Alderman Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Randell Hendrick, Allie Habbert, Zachary Romo, Linda Cross, Andrew Cross, Jake Banton, Mike Kauffmann,

Meeting Call to Order:

President Molly Rater called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Introductions:

Joanna Schooler introduces Randell Hendrick. Randell Hendrick is working with Joanna in a partnership Community Relations at Washington University.

Community Announcements/Guest:

None

Aldermanic Report:

Heather Navarro – Provided updates city issues, Aldermanic Board session finished up this week. Alderman Navarro has been working on closing the workhouse and a resolution regarding aerial surveillance in which Alderman Clark Hubbard is on the opposing side of the bill. The city is considering aerial surveillance as a way of addressing crime in the city. The city budget went into effect on July 2020, obviously with COVID there was some deep budget cuts. Board of Alderman did not approve the budget but it still will go into effect. Ways and means committee approved funding for contact tracers, rental assistance and test kits. Updates on neighborhood issues, the Skinker Debaliver traffic study results are back and the tentative date zoom public meeting is scheduled for July 23. Would like to have a public meeting with as many as possible to complete the final phase of the community engagement, recommendations can be made to the alderperson about future project for funding. Polling places for precinct 5 and 6 will be at the old school building on DePere, address is 450 DePere. Forest Park advisory board meets the 3rd Thursday of every month. On their agenda this month is basketball as recreational opportunity in the park. It is not part of the Forest park master plan, but a lot of people are interested as another amenity in the park. The meeting is this Thursday at 4:30 on zoom the information is on the city website search Forest Park Advisory Board to get access to the link. The Pearl project is on hold until various issues are worked. Working with DeGiverville neighbors regarding getting parking spots stripped and signage on the street.

Shameem Clark-Hubbard – No updates.

Delmar Loop Report:

Rochelle L'Ecuyer – Announced that Chicken Out has opened. Last week the Commercial Corridor Committee reviewed and approved with contingency I-tab a beer place. The business will be open in the Link building in Feb. This Wednesday Commercial Corridor Committee will review the B-Leaf a medical marijuana dispensaries. Original B-Leaf was going to be located in the 6000 block of Delmar, but the building was sold. The new proposed location is a building across from the Moon Rise Hotel. Rochelle has been working with students from Olin Business School. The student are assisting her develop a reopening marketing strategies for businesses. Delmar Loop received a grant from Washington University for reopening businesses (ordered sanitizer for the businesses). The businesses completed a survey regarding their business needs to reopen.

Commercial Corridor Committee:

Rochelle L'Ecuyer introduced Jake Baton from the Westend Neighbors to participate. Rochelle is the new chairperson of Commercial Corridor Committee. They discussed having quarterly meetings to address issues along the commercial corridor of Debaliver and Delmar, developing criteria for reviews, developing a more formal structure in process, and creating a more formal committee and meeting. The committee could consist of stakeholders from Westend Neighbors, Skinker and Debaliver, Debaliver (Bussey Bank or Cross Roads) Washington University. She would like to create a formal structure for the Commercial Corridor Committee.

Jake Baton gave an update on Westend Neighbors. Westend Neighbors are undergoing a planning process for the Westend neighborhoods. They are in the process of setting up a development review committee. They are working with Cornerstone for staffing and technical assistance from Washington University Redevelopment Corporation. They have conducted project reviews for a new manufacturing business on Hodiamont that manufactures small lab equipment, a childcare facility on page, and has engaged with Vatterott Home Building in the Westend. Westend Neighbors are interested in the development and new businesses along Delmar that are shared border between the two neighborhoods. With Rochelle L' Ecuyer they discussed how to formalize a process to make sure both neighborhoods are involved in in decision making.

The general outline of this committee is to create a joint committee for participation from both neighborhoods. This committee will streamline processes for businesses to get approval for various permits. The committee will be a different entity from the Commercial District Committee. Further discussion is needed regarding the clarity and function of this proposed committee and the name of the committee.

Proposal is asking to engage the Westend Group with a joint effort to establish a review for the Delmar and Debalivere corridor businesses.

Proposal approved (Jeff Stoker motion; Mike Stephens 2nd)

June 8, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes:

Approved (Mikey Clarke motion; Sheryl Davenport 2nd)

June 23, Special Board Meeting Minutes:

Joanna Schooler discussed comments that she forwarded to Karen Kesley and Molly Rater regarding corrections to the special board meeting minutes. Molly Rater will forward Joanna Schooler's notes to Marnita Spight for revisions to the meeting minutes.

(Hold approval until next meeting)

Financials:

Budget VS Actuals and Balance Sheet

As of June 3, 2020 total assess are \$79,399.97. Operating account is doing well, it is generating interest. Reserve account line item 1020 is on target. Financially SDCC has not expended funds.

Need to verify that the PPP loan of \$12,000.00 deposit has been added to the balance sheet. The PPP Loan will need to be added to the financial balance sheet.

(Hold approval until next meeting)

Friends Letter:

Kim Freter is reviewing the Friends Letter.

Rochelle L' Ecuyer will discuss with Nicole Blumner about how much real estate development occurred in the area for the Friends Letter. The Friends Letter will be submitted to the board for review and comments for 5 days, and then the letter will be distributed.

Pearl Project:

Rochelle L' Ecuyer and JoAnna Schooler are meeting with Nicole Blumner tomorrow regarding the Pearl Project. There is not a draft of a Community Benefit Agreement (CBA) between Pearl. Mike Stephens requested that Pearl email an idea of what they are willing to provide in a CBA for him to review.

Upcoming Events:

Mike Reid is starting on August 3, 2020. Executive Committee will meet with him on that day at 6:00 to welcome him. No board meeting in August.

Committee Reports:

Everyone should have received the committee reports in an attachment.

Beatification Committee -Andy Cross has done a lot of work with mulch donations

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

No August Board Meeting

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm

Meeting prepared by Marnita Spight – SDCC Secretary