

Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council (SDCC)
September 14, 2020
Meeting Minutes

SDCC Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 14, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting – Hosted by Mike Reid

Attendance:

Board Members Present:

Molly Rater, JoAnna Schooler, Marnita Spight, Mickey Clarke, Jeff Stokes, Rachelle L'Ecuyer, Sheryl Davenport, Jim Holzer, Kim Freter, Sharon Neumeister

Board Member Absent: Gene Gladstone, Dan Hudpeth, Repps Hudson, David Mastin, Kathryn Bulard, Mike Stephens

Staff:

Mike Reid

Guest:

None

Meeting Call to Order:

President Mike Reid called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

Introductions:

Mike Reid and Molly Rater read the board meeting agenda for September 14, 2020.

Community/Guest Announcements:

None

Meeting Minutes:

Special Board Meeting Minutes June 23, 2020 – Board Approved

Meeting Minutes July 13, 2020 – Board Approved

Aldermanic Report:

Alderwomen Heather Navarro – Traffic study meeting was on September 10, 2020. Alderwomen Navarro and Alderwomen Hubert have been working with the traffic consultants. The consultant started the survey in the earlier last spring. Over 100 people participated in the survey. The survey link will be open until September 20, 2020. The next step of the study is prioritizing and funding sources for the traffic improvements. Each Alderman will receive a budget of \$150,000.00 for their wards to do street scape improvements, trees, lighting, 50/50 sidewalks, etc. Neighborhood Development Committee meeting will be September 18, 2020; City forestry has a backlog at the present time for the removal of tree throughout the city; Construction work has started on corner of DeBalivier and DeGiverville for the Forest Park Expo apartment building. The construction will be on going for the next 18 – 20 months. The alderwomen has been working with Construction Company and the neighbors of the 5700 block of DeGiverville whom are most impacted by the ongoing construction.

Alderwomen Shameem Clark-Hubbard – No updates.

Beautification Report:

Andy Cross – Working on maintaining the green spaces and play ground; Need volunteers to help watering the planters at Freeman Park; working on the Friends Campaign 's gift thank you cards and art work for people that donate \$100 and more.

Delmar Loop Report:

Rachelle L'Ecuyer – Commercial District Committee met on August 13, 2020; Approved CVS's package liquor license; Rachelle has been working with Nicole Blummer on the Form Base Code. Funding sources are together and working getting the letters out; Puzzle Hookah Lounge at 6167 Delmar is under new ownership; The old church building is being renovated and should be completed by January or February; A new retail store is opening in the Pageant building that will be selling wedding gowns; Discussion regarding illegal parking is occurring for Blu Dine and Lounge at 5917 Delmar, people are parking on the trolley tracks. Rachelle and Alderwoman Hubbert suggested neighbors to call in complaints the police in order the issue to be documented. Rochelle will also contact Tamika Johnson regarding this issue. Alderwomen Hubbert will also follow up on the parking issue and building capacity at Blu.

Treasurer's Report:

Sheryl Davenport - Budget vs Actuals and Balance Sheet

As of September 14, 2020 total assets is \$91,261.12

Friends Campaign funding – 2019 SDCC received \$1,145.00 with a 105 donors; in 2020 SDCC received \$8,415.00 with 66 donors. A reminder letter will posted on the website around Thanksgiving, before the campaign ends to remind people to contribute; JoAnna Schooler commented that the installment of the Washington University dues has been sent for processing.

Treasury report – Board Approved

Executive Director's Report:

Mike Reid – Mike is in the office actually five days a week; He will have four interns from Fontbonne University and SLACO Emerging Leaders and they will be available four days a week and Saturday. They will be canvassing the area, passing out flyers door to door in reference to parking permits. Fifteen people have picked up parking permits. Next week Tuesday the intern will be passing out flyers to reacquaint the neighbors with SDCC and inform neighbors of what SDCC does; Mike has attended several meetings (Form Base Committee and Forest Park Forever); Forest Park Forever wants Skinker DeBalliviere input on a new playground located next to Turtle Park.

Old Business:

Signage for Grace United Methodist Church (requires board vote). Representative from Grace United Methodist Church discussed the new church signage. The purpose of the sign is to alert the neighborhood of upcoming events, and the sign will be electric for convenience of being able to change the signage when needed. The church is asking for the board to provide written consent for the sign to go up in the neighborhood. The church needs a letter of support to present to the historical preservation committee on September 24, 2020. Molly contacted Nancy Colman the president of the historical preservation committee, and she stated that the church signage had come up a few times within the last ten years, and the committee opposed of the sign, because it is a commercial sign and does not go along the historic district restrictions. Jim Holzer and Brandon Sterling also have been involved with the discussion of the preliminary design of the signage. It was determine that further discussion is needed regarding the design. The board is referring the church signage to the historical preservation committee for review, prior to a board vote by SDCC.

A special board meeting is required on September 21, 2020.

New Business:

SDCC neighborhood ambassador partnership with Washington University agreement (requires board vote). JoAnna Schooler discussed Washington University partnering with neighborhood organizations that are close by. This partnership is called the Neighborhood Ambassador Program. The concept would have personal unarmed ambassador in the neighborhood to provide escort student services, provide security and answer security questions. The board members had several questions regarding the service agreement for the Neighborhood Ambassador Partnership and the board requested to table the discussion until everyone has had a chance to review the agreement. Mike will email the board members a copy of the agreement for review.

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Red pick-up truck is dumping in the neighborhood. If you see the truck please report to NSI.

Hamilton Bridge meeting is on September 18, 2020.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm

Next meeting is October 12, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Meeting minutes prepared by Marnita Spight – SDCC Secretary