

Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council (SDCC)
February 8, 2021
Meeting Minutes

SDCC Board Meeting Minutes

Monday - February 8, 2021 at 7:03 p.m.

Zoom Meeting – Hosted by Mike Reid

Attendance:

Board Members Present:

Molly Rater, Marnita Spight, Sheryl Davenport, Mickey Clarke, Karen Stokes, Jeff Stokes, Rachelle L'Ecuyer, Jim Holzer, Kim Freter, JoAnna Schooler, Mike Stephens, David Mastin, Andrew Cawood, Tim Woodcock

Board Member Absent:

Kathryn Bulard, Dan Hudspeth

Staff:

Mike Reid

Guest:

Alderwomen Heather Navarro, Alderwomen Shameem Clark Hubbard, Andy Cross

Meeting Call to Order:

President Molly Rater called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Introductions:

Mike Reid and Molly Rater

Community/Guest Announcements:

None

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting Minutes January 11, 2021 – Board Approved (upon correction of the meeting minutes dates)

Aldermanic Report:

Alderwomen Hubbard – Discussed the Covid19 vaccine distribution. Alderwomen Hubbard and Navarro are both on the Covid19 Special Committee. They are trying to organize some smaller inner community events for the distribution of the vaccine. Alderwomen Hubbard has specifically asked for the People Health Center to be a location for distribution of the vaccine for the 26th ward.

Alderwomen Heather Navarro – Discussed the speed humps that were recommended in the traffic study. She has inquired with the City of St. Louis rather or not the traffic study recommendation is sufficient enough to move forward with the speed humps. The City will get back with the Alderwomen on February 26 regarding process for installing speed humps.

The intersection of Pershing and DeBaliviere will be closed due to construction until Wednesday night. Then the contractor will open east bound lane only and until the end of April.

Absentee in person voting for the next election location sites has not been formally determined other than the downtown location. As soon as Alderwoman gets confirmation on the location sites for the absentee in person

voting she will pass on the information. Both alderwomen are in touch the Board Elections about setting up absentee in person voting location sites.

5G Utility Pole legislation should be pass by the end of April. This legislation will require a certificate of need from the provider if they are going to put a pole in a single family zone. The provider will need contact BPS for approval.

Persistence aerial surveillance did not make it to the floor for a vote last Friday. The bill is currently in limbo.

Commercial District Committee and Delmar Loop Report:

Rachelle L'Ecuyer – Commercial District Committee met on February 3. The committee approved the AAA Fish House located at 5916 Delmar liquor license. Currently open for carry out and curbside only. They are going to expand their hours in March and plan to add a Sunday brunch from noon to five. Alcohol is only served with meals inside the restaurant.

The Puzzles Smoke Shop located as 6167 Delmar next door the Puzzle Hookah Lounge is under review. The Puzzle Smoke Shop will be retail smoke shop (selling hookahs, pipes and other smoking supplies). The committee is currently in reviewing the business, and researching the conditional use language for the business. The conditional use hearing with the City is scheduled for February 18th.

Beautification Report:

Andy Cross – On February 3rd Andy moved a couple truckloads of black soil from McPherson community garden to the trees in Lucier Park. The soil at Lucier Park has a lot of clay in it, so they have been putting water and mulch around the trees and have added 1" to 2" thick of black soil to the existing soil. The trees and shrubs that were planted are doing well.

The McPherson Community Garden committee will have their annual meeting on February 20th. Since the committee cannot meet as one large group, Andy is planning on breaking the committee down into smaller groups of 8 to 9 people to meet with him at his studio.

Andy has taken photo of his garden recording the growing seasons from spring thru to the most recent snowfall. The photos were given to the council office for a virtual tour, as substitute to the annual Breakfast Garden Tour. The photo provide a full roster of color and he hope that everyone enjoys them.

The next Food Drive is scheduled for Saturday morning February 27th. Blue fliers will be inserted in the newspaper to put on the bags or boxes of items for the Food Drive pickup. Andy will ask volunteers to drive to pick up the items.

Treasurer's Report:

Sheryl Davenport - Budget vs Actuals and Balance Sheet
Computer upgrades Microsoft 10 and QuickBooks purchase for SDCC - \$1,400.00
As of February 08, 2021 total assets is \$111,629.20

The Finance Committee will be meeting in February in order to present 2021 budget to the board in March.

Friends Campaign – the funds that were received in January of 2021 will be counted toward the December year 2020. The cutoff date for receiving funds for year 2020 is the end of January; any funds received in February will counted toward year 2021.

SDCC is currently paying \$600.00 for QuickBooks. Mike Reid is going to further investigate the cost of the QuickBooks program because the cost seems somewhat high.

Treasury report – Board Approved

Executive Director's Report:

Mike Reid – Mike and Karen are working on the second PPP Loan Forgiveness, and will be completed and applied for on Wednesday.

Black Funders of St. Louis for Civic Engagement – There is proposal out for the Black Funders of St. Louis for Civic Engagement grant for \$3,000. This is a new organization that fund organization lead by African Americans. The grant will be utilized to create Prop D literature including tech cost and purchasing of material, payroll and any other operation cost.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Security meetings - Mickey Clarke inquired about security meeting update and data. Mike Ried has been in communication with Mark Gorman about scheduling a meeting. The board would like to get some kind of security update from Mark Gorman.

Josh Peck posted on 2/8/2021 at 2:40 P.M. on Nextdoor, pictures of what seemed to be a drug transaction siting at the 5700 of Kingsbury. There were two cars; one of the cars was a white Dodge Charger. Kim Freter also has witness these activities, and informed everyone to contact the police of these suspicious activities.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm

Next meeting is March 8, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Meeting minutes prepared by Marnita Spight – SDCC Secretary