

Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council (SDCC)
January 11, 2021
Meeting Minutes

SDCC Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 11 2021 @ 7:03 p.m.

Zoom Meeting – Hosted by Mike Reid

Attendance:

Board Members Present:

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

Board Member Absent:

Kathryn Bulard, Sharon Neumeister, Dan Hudspeth

Staff:

Mike Reid

Guest:

Andy Cross, Alderwoman Heather Navarro, Alderwoman Shameem Clark Hubbard

Meeting Call to Order:

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

Introductions:

Mike Reid and Molly Rater read the board meeting agenda for January 11, 2021 – Board Approved

Community/Guest Announcements:

None

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting Minutes November 09, 2020 – Board Approved

Aldermanic Report:

Alderwomen Heather Navarro – Skinker / DeBaliviere traffic study final report will be released soon. Moving forward the Neighborhood Development Committee will need to pick up the traffic study report. Alderwomen Navarro and Alderwomen Hubbard will review and prioritize the items in the report and find funding for the traffic study action items. The report will be posted on the city's website.

Repair work will be starting on Laurel Bridge, and should take approximately 2 to 3 weeks to complete. The repairs will consist of filling some of the holes on the bridge with concrete.

Alderwomen Navarro and Alderwomen Hubbard will be meeting with the City Street Department and the two (2) developers for the construction projects on both sides of DeBaliviere. There are several traffic issues that need to be addressed, referencing some agreed upon protocols in terms of timelines of when the streets are going to be closed, and proper signage to make sure traffic is moving through that intersection smoothly.

Board of Alderman Session will be ending early February because of the election in March. The November 2020 provision for absent ballot will go back to the original provision. The polling places will be the same as they were in November.

A persistence aerial surveillance bill will be voted on this Friday. A private company is pitching a persistence aerial surveillance technology which involves a plane flying over the city 18 hours a day for three (3) years, taking aerial surveillance data of the city. The cost of the persistence aerial surveillance is approximately \$7.5M which will be covered by a private company out of Texas. The funding does not include staff time and other associated expenses. The data collected will be owned by the private company. The technology was utilized in the City of Baltimore for a period of time.

Beautification Report:

Andy Cross – Andy has been maintaining the playground and parks (mowing lawns, raking leaves, cutting down dead branches).

Saturday December 12th a clothing drive event was held with the 28th ward, which was very successful. The clothing drive event was an alternative to the cancelation of the Wintermarket event.

Andy proposed a virtual garden tour as a substitute activity for the spring a breakfast garden tour that was cancel due to the pandemic. Andy had been taking series of picture for a virtual garden tour.

Andy is considering auxiliary food drive in late February, similar to the regular food drives. He would like to include a flier in the next Times Skinker DeBalivier newspaper which will be published in early February. The last food drive doubled the record number of items that was received in the past. Over 2,400 items was received. The food items will be collected and sorted at the council office or Andy's studio.

Commercial District Committee and Delmar Loop Report:

Rachelle L'Ecuyer – Commercial District Committee held a meeting November 5th 2020. They approved the K-bop restaurant liquor license. K-bop is currently open and is located at 6120 Delmar.

Delmar Loop is currently working with the City of St. Louis on establishing pedestrian cross walks located in the east loop, which includes Laurel and Delmar, DeGiverville and Delmar, the Pageant and Eastgate and Delmar. The City will conduct an assessment and provide a report for the crosswalk.

New trees will be planted in the 5800 and 5900 block of Delmar.

Delmar Loop received a \$40,000.00 grant for new recycling bins and trash cans for the east loop area.

Andy Cross decorated several store front windows in the Delmar Loop area over the holidays.

Form-Based Code:

Rachelle L'Ecuyer – All Form-Based Code stakeholders have submitted their contributions. Nicole Blumner worked out a \$15,000.00 grant through the Security of Conservation Office. The \$15,000.00 grant was equal to the amount that Washington University contributed. Mike, Nicole and Rachelle held a meeting with H3 to establish regular stakeholder and neighborhood meeting in the process of developing the draft plan and the formal process for the Form-Based Code report.

If anyone is interested in viewing an example of a completed report, the Grove and Park Central have conducted a Form-Based Code report. Rachelle has copies of those reports.

Treasurer's Report:

Sheryl Davenport - Budget vs Actuals and Balance Sheet

No major financial changes or activities.

As of January 08, 2021 total assets is \$116,364.97

Friends Campaign – As of to date SDCC received \$17,406.00.

Treasury report – Board Approved

Executive Director's Report:

Mike Reid – The Friends Campaign reached a record donation of \$17,406.00, approximately \$3,000.00 more than what was originally budgeted; the average donation received was \$125.00.

Two (2) grant proposals are being prepared:

- Outreach for senior wellness check in with a community nurse.
- Any type of community event.

Mike met with the Expo developer regarding the CBA. The developer definitely wanted to get involved, but thought the amount that SDCC was asking for was too much as well as wanted to know more about the program will be ran.

Six (6) new interns for 2021 – The interns from Fontbonne University gathered demographic data for the CBA. If any of the committees have needs for the interns please contact Mike.

Mike proposed joining Saint Louis Association of Community Organization (SLACO). The membership fee is \$100 per year. SLACO received several grants in the past, in which they split among their members...

SDCC joining SLACO – Board Approved

Assistance for neighbors:

- MHDC program rent assistance will pay up to 6 months of rent.
<http://www.mohousingresources.com/erap>
- SPIRE is providing \$400 in assistance for residents struggling to pay their natural gas bill.
<http://www.spireenergy.com/catchup>

Old Business:

Neighborhood Ambassador Program – The SDCC board decided not pursue the program, due to having an impasse with the indemnification part of the program.

New Business:

Mickey Clarke – First Responders' Appreciation Lunch cannot be held at the council office this year due to the pandemic. Mickey suggested that SDCC deliver lunches to the fire houses and departments that serve the neighborhood. The event will be February 12, 2021. People that have donated in the pass will receive calls. Sandwiches maybe donated by Snarfes, and there may be some cash donation to cover the expenses.

Molly Rater – Regarding the 2021 SDCC board roster, an email was sent out in mid-December to the board members to state their intention to stay or not to stay on the board. Molly assumed that roster will remain the same minus Sharon Neumeister. There are still a couple of board vacancies remaining. The executive committee will remain the same. The executive committee consists of Molly Rater (3 years), Sheryl Davenport (4 years), Marnita Spight (2 years) and Mickey Clark (2 years). The executive committee will probably need to turn over within the next year or so. Please keep the executive committee in mind if anyone from the board would like to serve on the committee.

Molly Rater – Nicole Blumner was sent a plant as a token of appreciation from SDCC.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm

Next meeting is February 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Meeting minutes prepared by Marnita Spight – SDCC Secretary