

SDCC Virtual Board Meeting Minutes

Monday June 14, 2021 7pm

Meeting called to order by President Molly Rater at 7:02 pm

Molly introduced Tracy Granneman (to replace Dan Hudspeth as Rosedale Rep) and Jeff McGee to replace Dave Mastin (business rep)

Board Members Present: Molly Rater (President), Mickey Clarke (Vice President), Sheryl Davenport (Treasurer), Jim Holzer, Arline Webb, Jeff McGee, Tracy Granneman, Andrew Cawood, Jeff Stokes, JoAnna Schooler, Tim Woodcock, Rachelle L'Ecuyer

Board Members absent: Mike Stephens, Kim Freter, Kathryn Bulard, Carl Merritt, Marnita Spight

Staff: Mike Reid

Alderspersons: Heather Navarro

Guests: Andy Cross, Judith Arnolds

May Minutes: Approved with amendment to correctly spell Arline Webb and Jeff McGee

Guest presentations: Judith Arnolds from SLACO introduced Neighbors United for Change-A program where neighboring neighborhoods work together to come up with ideas and solutions-and SDCC's potential involvement. First meeting will be July 13 at 6pm. Rachelle L'Ecuyer expressed conflict with a FBD Neighborhood meeting and they will work together.

Financials: Sheryl Davenport presented the financials. Income below expected because several membership dues have not been collected. JoAnna Schooler reported that Wash U's first installment will come in July, second will be in the fall. Mike will ask Karen to remind institutional members about making contributions.

Breakfast Garden tour earned 982 dollars

Jim Holzer made motion to approve the financials and Mickey Clarke seconded. The financials were approved

Aldermanic report by Heather Navarro:

She has been working on St Louis Budget approval meetings and aldermanic redistricting (going from 28 to 14 alderpersons) She welcomes volunteers to give her some input.

Mayor Jones has formed a stimulus advisory board. Meetings are held virtually and open to public. They have developed top 6 priorities for money allotment.

Property assessments are being issued and the deadline for first step appeals is June 23. If you did not get a reassessment it may not have changed. Number to call re: Reassessment is 314-622-4050

Alderwoman Navarro updated us on traffic issues and reminded us that the Traffic study was a report and not a plan.

MSD working on Waterman Bridge

Amount doubled for tree plantings at last Ward Capital Meeting

Sidewalk issues should be reported to the CSB 50/50 sidewalk program but there is a long waiting list, you can contact her for serious problems

Commercial District Report:

FBD Neighborhood meeting July 13 at Grace and Peace Church

Swade Dispensary sign approved by Historic District Committee

Andrew Cawood reported on late night noise from the Moonrise roof top bar and Rachelle will talk to her contact at the Moonrise.

Beautification Committee: Andy reported on success of Electronic recycling day, plant exchange and Breakfast Garden tour. The Greg Freeman park lawn has been torn up by dogs and he has done some replanting. Dog show is June 15th. Shakespeare in the park is currently going on and the Muny will start on July 25th.

Grace United Methodist Report: University Methodist will be closing and will merge with Grace Methodist. They are interested in helping with Porchfest in any way they can.

Community Engagement Committee. Josh Peck was not able to attend the meeting but he presented the committee purpose to the group in a four minute video. The committee will focus on restarting the Block program and information dissemination. A motion was made to make this a standing committee of the council but Mickey Clarke reminded us that adding a new standing committee requires a by-law revision. For now it will be a special committee and renamed the Neighborhood engagement committee (to avoid confusion with committees with similar names). Josh Peck will be the chair of the committee and has several interested committee members. Andy Cross expressed interest in being involved. Sheryl made a motion to approve the committee and Tracy seconded. The motion carried.

Porchfest Committee: Date is still TBD but will be early fall, awaiting input from Joanna about Wash U events. There are many conflicts with 1st Sat in October including food drive, Westminster Block party and Parkview party. First meeting of committee will be Monday June 21st

Executive Director Report:

We have received 2nd PPP loan money and forgiveness for 1st PPP loan.

Mike has 3 interns so if anyone has any ideas of how they can be used please contact him

He has dealt with complaints from Brinkman monitors and alarms around construction areas

He is working with Tony DiSano to collaborate with DeBaliviere Place

New Business:

Dan Hudspeth has chaired Rags to Riches for many years but would now like SDCC to manage instead of Rosedale. The topic was tabled until the next meeting.

Sheryl Davenport complained about fireworks in Lucier Park

Old Business:

None

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 8:18 pm, motion carried

Minutes submitted by Molly Rater, Board President