

Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council (SDCC)

February 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Board Members Present: Molly Rater (President), Tracy Granneman (Vice President), Marnita Spight (Treasurer), Kim Freter, Jim Holzer, Yvette Kell, Rachelle L'Ecuyer, JoAnna Schooler, Tim Woodcock, Arline Well

Not Present: Andrew Cawood, Carl Merritt, Dave Mastin, Carl Merritt Mike Stephens, Jeff Stokes,

Visitors: Ald. Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Lauren Tucker, Bob Dogwillow, Abdul Abdullah, Cordell Whitlock, Cecilia Nadal, Richard Bose, Gary Boehnkne, June Vaughn, Kevin Koenig, Hitch Powell, Dan Schesh, Andy Cross, Linda Cross, Hitch Powell, Brandon Sterling

Executive Director: Michael Reid

Meeting was called to Order at 7:03 via Zoom

President Molly Rater related who the attendees and visitors were and that we had a quorum. Ald. Clark-Hubbard indicated that she was present and available but did not have a formal presentation. She said she is always available to speak via cell or email.

Brandon Sterling, Board President of Delmar Mainstreet, spoke about the organization. It is developed around connecting stakeholders for the commercial corridor that includes residents and businesses. Boundaries are still being developed and are essentially from East Loop CID to Kingshighway. They have formed a Board and are submitting 501(c)(3) paperwork. They had a stakeholder meeting in November with 130 residents. MO Main Street participated. At the March meeting, they intend to announce branding and recommendations. Posed to the SDCC Board whether or not we would like to become a member. Mike Reid would be primary representative. Anyone on the SDCC Board could participate in Delmar Mainstreet. Financial commitment is expected of individual board members, but not to have a seat. East Loop CID and Rachelle L'Ecuyer are working on a Memorandum of Understanding. President Rater indicated we would have to vote on the idea of joining at a later time.

Lauren Tucker from Odd Couples Housing ltucker@oddcoupleshousing.com 314 925 2003 spoke about the program. It is a lot like our previous Home Share Program. It brings together active adults with younger adults to share expenses and household responsibilities. They currently have 42 matches so far including in City, County, and St Charles. They have already placed someone on Westminster and would welcome the opportunity to have more homes.

Cordell Whitlock with Vector Communications presented on Steinberg Rink. They are looking for Public Engagement for the Steinberg project. Since 1957. In 1995, Forest Park Master Plan was designated to become a year round facility. They want to make new facility as open and

useful as possible. They hope to have preliminary design in June or July. 314 384 5858 is the Project hotline and can also take the on-line survey.

Dan Schesch presented about 6001 Westminster Property. This is the property that used to be a gas station. Studies and said that there was some contamination. In 2020 or 2021 hired an architect and firm prepared plans using that lot and obtained financing and had just gotten bids on remediation and it was very uncertain costs. The Housing Corporation was going to do the Walker townhomes decided not to do it and that lot does not need remediation and he bought the lot. Dan Schesch wants to donate the property as a substantial lot in the middle of the neighborhood. He would get a tax deduction. Dan Schesch did not know why the Housing Corporation did not want the property. City valued the lot at \$40,000 and he bought it for \$1,000 because it clearly needed to be remediated and he received a \$75,000 tax deduction. President Rater indicated that SDCC would not be voting on anything at this meeting and would send information around.

Conversation about the Budget and Financials - Discussion among the Board about on-going issue with the air conditioner and having to pay for it. Discussion about the terms of the lease of the space from the Housing Corporation. Also discussion about Mike and Karen's hours and salaries, additional expenses for the year.

Mike Reid gave the Executive Committee report concerning meetings coming up and trying to get additional grants.

Andy Cross gave committee reports. The Garden Tour will be happening this year. Also, the food drive was a success and we will be doing another one next month.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.