

Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council (SDCC)

March 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Molly Rater (President), Tracy Granneman (Vice President), Andrew Cawood, Kim Freter, Jim Holzer, Yvette Kell, Rachelle L'Ecuyer, David Mastin, JoAnna Schooler, Jeff Stokes, Tim Woodcock, Arline Webb

Not Present: Marnita Spight (Treasurer), Carl Merritt, Mike Stephens

Visitors: Ald. Shameem Clark-Hubbard, June Vaughn, Kevin Koenig, Marvin Nodiff, Dan Schesh, Andy Cross, Jonathan Frank

Executive Director: Michael Reid

Meeting was called to Order at 7:08 via Zoom

President Molly Rater related who the attendees and visitors were and that we had a quorum. The agenda was approved.

Ald. Clark-Hubbard reported that the Board would be back in session and that SDCC is now in the 10th Ward after redistricting. The 28th Ward will have a special election. The 26th Ward and the Board are considering a fund to help residents with housing issues. Nothing new to report regarding Imo's development as they are working through the appeals process.

Committee Assignments and Chairs were discussed including:

Beautification Committee – Andy Cross

Res Housing and Zoning – Linda Cross

Community Development - Nicole Blumner

Commercial Districts – Rachelle L'Ecuyer

Historic District – Nancy Hohman, until end of 2022

Security – Vacant Chair

Discussion was had concerning possible conflict with Rachelle L'Ecuyer and Commercial Districts. Discussion about the absence of conflict and additional help and information provided due to other job assignment.

Motion to approve committee chairs was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Commercial Districts – Rachelle L'Ecuyer reported that Ald. Clark Hubbard was working with Family Dollar and NSI to try to deal with the trash issue. Ameren is to build a transformer north of Delmar, location is uncertain. Current transformer is located behind Crossroads. Transformer

needs to be updated because of new apartments on DeBalievere. Various committees will work together regarding any proposal Ameren might submit.

Beautification Committee- Andy Cross reported that Food Drive was coming up and that donors should make sure to check for expiration dates before donating. Centennial Christian Church is in the 10th Ward (Kingshighway) and reaching out to them regarding possible accepting of food donations. Ald. Clark-Hubbard and Arlene Webb are also facilitating. Grace and New Cote are still accepting food as well.

Treasurer's Report – Marnita Spright was not present. May have been some issues with the zoom link. General discussion about difference between previous year's budget and this year's because of increased hours for staff post-Covid surge. Budget will include an additional \$10,000 in fundraising this year. Executive Director Mike Reid is going from 20 hours up to 35 and Karen is going down to 10 hours. Thus far, fundraising has been successful. Went over the financials generally. Hopeful about getting a \$10,000 grant. Hoping Porchfest will bring in additional fundraising revenue when it returns to the fall. Discussion about issue with the air conditioner. Mike has been getting bids and isn't going to be as expensive as originally thought. Discussion about approving budget generally. Monthly financials will be reviewed going forward as they were done pre-Covid.

Executive Director's Report – ED Mike Reid discussed that the Safety Committee needs new member/chair. Drug activity in 6100 block of Washington has been stopped. Mike will serve as chairperson until we find one. Historic meeting on Saturday was very good. All committees are looking for members from neighbors east of Des Peres. There may be a general movement or push within the Board of Aldermen to reinstitute block grants using some of the CARES Act funding.

Arlene Webb asked a question regarding the City picking back up with recycling instead of only going to trash. Ald. Clark Hubbard indicated that she had been working on it and right now drop off bins (including by Crossroads) were what was available. City website has other locations. Hopeful that as staffing increases, recycling will start again.

Dan Schesch – Discussed again his proposal that SDCC accept a donation of his property where the gas station used to be. Tim Cawood suggested that the Land Trust might be a possibility. Members discussed issues with possible liability for the land regarding remediation or even if no remediation was done. Discussion about whether or not the Housing Corporation would be better suited to take the land. Dan discussed that there was a MOI regarding that SDCC would take the land if he didn't build on it. Members did not have a copy of the MOI and did not recall that there was an agreement by SDCC Board or former Executive Director that indicated that the Board would take the land without preconditions. Dan said he had a copy of the MOI and it would be sent around for the Board to review after the meeting.

Tracy Granneman made Motion to “not accept” the land. Motion was seconded and Board agreed to vote via email on later date after receiving a copy of the MOI.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.