Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council (SDCC)

November 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

Not Present: Carl Merritt, Kathryn Bulard

Visitors: Ald. Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Ald. Mike Gras, Grady Vaughn, Ron Coleman, Heather Navarro, Nicole Blumner, Marv Nodiff

Executive Director: Michael Reid

Meeting was called to Order at 7:04 via Zoom

President Molly Rater related who the attendees and visitors were and that we had a quorum. Mike Stephens introduced John Wright as a new Parkview representative on the board. October minutes were approved with amendment to add Mike Stephens as an attendee

Aldermanic report: Ald. Clark-Hubbard and Ald. Mike Gras both present for questions but had no reports.

Financials: Yvette Kells reported that we had a budget shortfall of 3,000 dollars for 2022 but still have income from Wintermarkt and Friend's campaign pending. She emphasized that we need to build our reserves up.

Executive Director's Report – ED Mike Reid reported that Friend's campaign letters would be going out this week.

He will be proposing some dates for the board retreat/Strategic plan refresher

He has applied for a grant from Presbyterian Community Outreach

Committee Reports

Beautification: Andy reported that the October 29th Food Drive was a great success-over 1250 items were collected. He thanked all of the volunteers. Halloween party was well attended and fun for all. Wintermarkt is December 3rd and anyone looking to volunteer should contact Karen. Vendors have been contacted.

Security: Grady Vaughn submitted a separate report.

Grace Methodist Report: Jeff Stokes reported that Grace Methodist will be having a Brass Recital concert on Monday December 5th at 7:30 pm, it is free to all

Commercial District: Rachelle reported that the committee did not meet and there was nothing to report

Community Development Committee: Nicole's written report stated not much to report but she has met with several new potential committee members including Margaret Welsch and Steve Baxter, and needs to vet them by the full committee.

Housing and Zoning: Marv Nodiff submitted a report separately. His report included several questions for the steering committee regarding the FBD. HZC requests SDCC defer action on the FBD until the process is improved and additional information is provided

New Business:

Form Based District: Former Alderperson Heather Navarro gave the group a history of the FBD. The Form Based Code (District) stemmed from the TOD study. Part of the neighborhood plan was to develop a Form Based Code. The CWE had recently done one. The committee raised funds and eventually hired a consulting firm, H3. Mo Dept of conservation was one of the funders. Heather reported that the Opus Project approval would have been a lot less messy if the Form Based District had already been in place. If the board approves the FBD it will go to the city through Zoning and planning Departments. There will be plenty of opportunities for the public to engage throughout the process. The final step is for an ordinance of the FBD to be written. She clarified that the Form Based district is not an entity but just states boundaries.

Discussion continued with many participants feeling that the process had not been transparent. A member expressed concern that the FBD would trump all zoning codes. Rachelle explained that this was a land use code and not a zoning code. The FBD is an overlay code and is designed so developers know what the community wants in their neighborhood. The FBD would not address liquor licenses that are controlled by the state. Variances can still be issued for things that do not conform to the FBD. Tracy brought up that the FBD has been in the works for several years and this is not new information. Dave Mastin pointed out that we want to foster development not hinder it.

No vote was taken tonight and the board was tasked with reading the FBD documents on the website and be able to submit an informed vote on the FBD at a meeting in December. Amendments to the FBD documents can be recommended if the board wants that. FAQ will be posted on the SDCC website. Next meeting will be Monday December 12th 7 pm by Zoom

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by Molly Rater 11/15/2022