

Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council (SDCC)

February 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Tracy Granneman (President, Rosedale), Molly Rater (Secretary, Kingsbury Square), Jim Holzer (Rosedale), Jeff Stokes (Grace Methodist), Tim Woodcock (Rosedale), Mike Stephens (Parkview), Kim Freter (St Roch), JoAnna Schooler (Washington University), Kathryn Bulard (Busey Bank), AnnaMarie Bliss (at large)

Not Present: Carl Merritt (Cote Brillante), John Wright (Parkview Agents), Yvette Kell (Treasurer, Washington Heights), Linda Cross (Rosedale)

Visitors: Ald. Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Grady Vaughn (Security chair), June Vaughn (engagement chair), Marvin Nodiff (Zoning and housing chair), Emmett Coleman (Ward 10 aldermanic candidate), Kaitlin Daniels (dog park chair)

Executive Director: Michael Reid

Meeting was called to Order at 7:05 in person

Introductions

Vote to approve two new board members, JoAnn Rankins and Georgia Barnett, was postponed as neither were present

Meeting Minutes: November and January minutes were approved.

Aldermanic report: Ald. Clark-Hubbard was available throughout meeting for questions. She noted that the Board of Alderman was back from break.

Executive Director Report: Mike Reid reported that he had applied for two grants: St Louis City and Ben and Jerry's company

RAC has released money from the Cares Act. May be able to apply for funds and use for concerts, Big Draw Art show and possibly new computers. Mike is continuing to do porch walks to meet neighbors.

Financials: Yvette Kell was not present but end of 2022 report reviewed. We are in a budget deficit. Quickbooks could use some cleaning up and motion made to approve 1500 dollars for an accountant audit. AnnaMarie made the motion to approve and Mike Stephens seconded. The motion carried. Mike Stephens made a motion to table approving the 2023 budget until after the audit and AnnaMarie seconded. The motion carried. Kathryn Bulard suggested putting some of our reserves in a CD-earning 4.25 percent interest/15 month term.

Committee Reports were submitted in separate reports via Google Docs, our new mode of communication. Some members had trouble accessing the docs and needed to be granted permission.

Committee announcements:

Grace Methodist: Jeff Stokes reported that flyers with surveys had been sent out about vision of neighborhood. Survey also available on Grace website. Electronic sign will be revisited with new Historic Committee. AnnaMarie said she would communicate about the issue with Jeff more off-line.

St Roch: Tracy reported that there would be an All Things New Again listening session at St Roch on Wednesday evening. St Louis Archdiocese will be closing/combining some parishes so information is relevant to the SDCC neighborhood.

Washington University: JoAnna reported that Mardi Gras was this weekend and Wash U Police would be partnering with the SLPD. She continues to work on the trash issue/audit in the SDCC neighborhood.

SDCC Strategic Plan Planning Session:

Board discussed SWOT: Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats for SDCC.

Tracy asked that the board prioritize goals and come up with objectives for the goals before the next meeting.

The top four goals were identified and board members asked to volunteer to take ownership of goals. Board Members are responsible for coordinating with the relevant committees to seek input on proposed objectives. Board will consolidate/discuss the proposed objectives in the March Meeting and bring them to the neighborhood in the April community meeting. This will allow time for residents to provide feedback. Objectives will be voted on and signed off on during the May meeting.

Governance: Tracy Granneman and Mike Stephens

Finance: Molly Rater and Yvette Kell

Communication: AnnaMaria Bliss and Jim Holzer

Engagement: Tim Woodcock

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

Minutes submitted by board secretary Molly Rater 2/22/2023