

**Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting of
The Downtown St. Louis Community Improvement District
Noon – 1:30 p.m.
March 9, 2021
Zoom Video Conference**

The Board of Directors of The Downtown St. Louis Community Improvement District (CID) convened via Zoom Video Conference at noon on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. A quorum of the board was present on the call and an attendance record is attached.

Mr. Pohrer called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. and welcomed the directors and thanked them for their time. He noted that there were several members of the public in attendance, however, there were no public comments. He then brought the directors' attention to the consent agenda which included the minutes of the January 12, 2021 board meeting, and Financial Statements for December 2020 and January 2021. There were no requests to remove any items from the consent agenda and Ms. Theroff made a first motion to approve the consent agenda, which was seconded by Ms. Hagen and unanimously approved by the board.

Mr. Pohrer turned the meeting presentation over to Ms. McCrary who then shared a number of updates. The CID Clean Team remains diligent in their efforts to keep Downtown clean. They continue to follow COVID-19 protocols and none of the members have become ill with the virus. They report concerns of unhoused persons (for mobile outreach attention) and carry out special projects as needed. Ms. Leverenz shared that there used to be a special day set aside to recognize the work that the Clean Team does, she hopes something like this continues.

Ms. McCrary shared that CID public service announcements are being placed on the IKE (Interactive Kiosk Experience) Smart City Kiosks throughout Downtown. The kiosks have been useful tools for sharing messages about "Park Smart" and "CID Services" and additional messages will be shared in the future.

In January of 2020 the Downtown St. Louis CID agreed to contribute \$20,000 toward local match funding to be used for the design and construction of the Tucker Cycle Track project. Currently awaiting final approval of a TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) grant, the project will create a safe and attractive place for pedestrians and cyclists. In addition to the Tucker Cycle Track project, the CID has been asked to support a traffic calming initiative to support redevelopment of the street barricades. The current barricades are the concrete jersey barriers, which, while effective, are not the most attractive solution.

Ms. McCrary shared that she will be reaching out to the neighboring CIDs to collaborate on shared knowledge, resources, and best practices. She also shared that the CID was approached for funding to replace the current concrete barricades with a more permanent solution. The various Downtown stakeholders (SLMPD, Street Department, Fire Department, Ameren, and SFP Landscaping) met with the CID to discuss the design. It was agreed that while the design was favorable, there are some logistical obstacles that would have to be resolved. Furthermore, the project is currently without any other funding which would only allow for the CID to fund a pilot installation. In the meantime, the CID is working with SFP Landscaping to consider ways to make the jersey barriers more attractive while still maintaining pedestrian and vehicular safety.

In closing her Executive Director's Update, Ms. McCrary reminded the board that the CID is in the process of amending the petition. As part of the process, the size of the board will be reduced, therefore making the regular director nomination process counter-productive at this time.

Ms. McCrary then shared **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DOWNTOWN ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, INC., AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE WAIVER OF BYLAWS RELATED TO THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIRECTORS TO THE BOARD; AND AUTHORIZING THE ACTIONS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT** for board consideration. Ms. Theroff made a motion to approve the resolution, and this was seconded by Ms. McDonald. The board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

Ms. McCrary introduced Mr. Mark LaBarge and Mr. Tom Dempewolf of SFP Landscaping to share a presentation of the services their company provides the CID. In addition to mentioning the many hospitals and corporate campuses that SFP Landscaping maintains, Mr. LaBarge and Mr. Dempewolf shared information about plant design, selection, propagation, installation, and maintenance services that SFP performs. The CID contracts with SFP for installation and watering of street planters, hanging baskets, and tree plantings and care.

Following the SFP Landscaping presentation, Ms. McCrary introduced Mr. Charles 'Rob' Betts to share a presentation on the security services provided by The City's Finest (TCF). Mr. Betts shared data from CID crime analysis and how that information is used to determine security shifts and focus in the district. Mr. Betts also shared information about the equipment and technology provided by TCF and practices employed by his personnel. Upon completion of Mr. Betts' presentation, Ms. McCrary introduced **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DOWNTOWN ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, INC., AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY'S FINEST SURVEILLANCE, LLC FOR A SURVEILLANCE CAMERA SYSTEM WITHIN THE LACLEDE'S LANDING SUBDISTRICT; AND AUTHORIZING THE ACTIONS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT** for the board's consideration. Ms. Theroff made a first motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Ms. McDonald and unanimously approved by the board.

Ms. McCrary welcomed Major Kriesmann to share an update on safety matters in the CID. Major Kriesmann shared that the SLMPD has begun using a new report writing system. The new system falls in line with the structure used by the Federal government. She has been working with the Mayor's Office and Streets to get ahead of the anticipated street cruising. The Street Department has been asked to inspect the barricades and to replace the damaged ones and paint those in need and also ensure that the safety reflectors are in place. Car break-ins have seen an uptick, especially around some of the hotels; SLMPD is working with the general managers to increase police visibility. The Sky Cop mobile unit continues to be used throughout Downtown, most recently at the Eads Bridge. Staffing will continue to be assessed as events begin to pick up in the Downtown. The city just wrapped up a successful Missouri Valley Conference, and SLMPD is anticipating increased activity around St. Patrick's Day and of course opening day for the Cardinals which will see a return to visitors inside the stadium.

This concluded the regular business of the meeting; Mr. Pohrer informed the board that there were legal matters on the agenda to be discussed in closed session. Ms. Lewis made a motion for the board to enter executive session which was seconded by Mr. Page.

Ms. Cheli performed a roll call vote for the motion; following is the record of the vote:

1. Thomas Bergmann - aye
2. Donna Erbs - aye
3. Nick Garzia - aye

4. Amrit Gill - aye
5. Patricia Hagen - aye
6. Marc Hirshman – aye
7. Christine Ingrassia - aye
8. Renee Kriesmann – aye
9. Karen Leverenz - aye
10. LaShana Lewis – aye
11. Margaret McDonald – aye
12. James Page – aye
13. Eddie Pohrer - aye
14. Laura Radcliff - aye
15. David Sweeney - aye
16. Ellen Theroff – aye

At 1:10 p.m., upon completion of the vote, the board entered executive session and all members of the public dropped off the call. At the conclusion of the executive session, Mr. Page made a motion to use the previous roll call vote to exit executive session and end the board meeting. This motion was seconded by Ms. Radcliff and unanimously agreed to by the board.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Cheli

The Downtown St. Louis Community Improvement District Board of Directors
March 9, 2021 Record of Meeting Attendance:

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16. Ellen Theroff

Not Present

1. David Bailey
2. David Biales
3. Jack Coatar
4. Marlene Davis
5. Tammika Hubbard
6. Tishaura Jones
7. Mike Konzen
8. Seamus McGowan
9. Kitty Ratcliffe

Members of the Public and Guests

Charles 'Rob' Betts (The City's Finest)
Tom Dempewolf (SFP Landscaping)
Scott Hoffman (Anders CPAs + Advisors)
Katie Jenner (Husch Blackwell)
Shannon Keller
Mark LaBarge (SFP Landscaping)
Bart Lissner
Dan Pistor
JoAnn Sandifer (Husch Blackwell)
Lisa Stump (Lashly & Baer)
Brad Waldrop
Adam ?

The Downtown St. Louis Community Improvement District, Inc. Administrative Staff

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Kelli McCrary
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