

**Open Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting of  
The Downtown St. Louis Community Improvement District  
Noon – 1:30 p.m.  
July 13, 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, July 13, 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 12:03 p.m. and welcomed the directors and thanked them for their time. Ms. Cheli noted that there were no members of the public in attendance. Mr. Pohrer then noted that the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the May 11, 2021 and June 10, 2021 board meetings, and Financial Statements for April and May 2021, was ready for board consideration. There were no requests to remove any items from the consent agenda and Ms. Radcliff made a first motion to approve the consent agenda, which was seconded by Ms. McDonald and unanimously approved by the board.

Mr. Pohrer then turned the meeting presentation over to Ms. McCrary who then introduced DUC Pocketpark topic for additional discussion (this topic was introduced to the board at the May board meeting). Robust discussion of the Pocketpark continued, it was originally suggested to table the resolution for further investigation, but it was noted that Pocketparks does have full indemnity coverage that the board was seeking. It was also noted that Mr. Sonny Sagger who is leasing the property to Pocketparks is a strong supporter of Downtown and the proposed plan for the 923 Locust property would be a great improvement to the individual space as well as the surrounding properties. It was recommended that a motion be made that the board approve the resolution with the condition that the CID receive written assurance from Pocketparks that there would be no liability associated with the donation from the CID. The board agreed that this was a good solution to the liability concern. Ms. McCrary then introduced **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DOWNTOWN ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, INC., AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A DONATION TO POCKETPARKS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A POCKETPARK IN DOWNTOWN ST. LOUIS; AND AUTHORIZING THE ACTIONS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT.** Mr. Bailey made a first motion to approve the resolution with the previously noted condition. Ms. Theroff seconded the motion which was approved by the board with no opposition.

Ms. McCrary then shared her Executive Director update. She shared that the Clean Team continues to perform their duties with their usual positive outlook and hardworking approach. She just recently hired a new employee and continues to look to add one more member to the Clean Team to fill positions that have been open for some time. Our partnership with St. Patrick Center assists with reaching a pool of qualified applicants. In addition to the regular street sweeping responsibilities, the Clean Team also assists with special operations such as power washing of sidewalks, graffiti and sticker removal, and make note of issues to be reported to the CSB. It was recommended that the CID logo on the Clean Team uniforms might be made larger in size to be more easily recognized and noticed by members of the public. Ms. McCrary believes that is certainly an option with the next uniform order.

Ms. McCrary shared that the CID Ambassador program is now underway. This program existed for many years but was discontinued in 2017 and the 2020 Design Downtown STL plan strongly recommended a return of the program. There are currently seven ambassadors providing coverage Friday – Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The ambassadors share weekly reports and are supervised by an SLMPD Lieutenant

and a Washington University Bike Unit Commander. The days and hours can be scaled according to events and needs of the Downtown community. It was noted that advertising the ambassadors on the kiosks throughout Downtown could be helpful to tourists; Ms. Cherre will work with IKE to see if this can be added to the advertisement rotation.

Ms. McCrary ended her update by sharing that the CID is working with the Terracycle Mask Recycling Program to help streamline the mask waste in Downtown. Ms. Cherre has coordinated with a number of Downtown locations and the program is being well-received.

Ms. McCrary welcomed Major Kriesmann to share an update on CID Safety Matters. The Major shared that Part 1 crimes are slightly down and that it helps to have additional people returning to Downtown. The gymnastics Olympic trials were especially great for Downtown, the Sports Commission did a great job coordinating that event. The new lights from LightMySTL have been a big improvement. The fireworks event for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July were a big success and were very well attended, as was the parade. SLMPD continues with their Violent Crime Detail and Cruising Detail in Downtown with various street and lane closures as well as fixed posts at certain locations. Closing Market between Broadway and Tucker after 9:00 p.m. on the weekends has proven successful. SLMPD is still working to control car break-ins around the hotels and especially on the Memorial side of the Hyatt. They are working with the City to help provide resources to unhoused in the park on the north side of St. Patrick Center as well as looking for a location for an encampment. In closing, the Major mentioned that the Central Patrol Night at the Ballpark will be held on Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, the event is a great way to show appreciation to the officers.

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. Bailey.

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

1. David Bailey - aye
2. Thomas Bergmann - aye
3. Donna Erbs - aye
4. Nick Garzia - aye
5. Amrit Gill - aye
6. Patricia Hagen - aye
7. Renee Kriesmann - aye
8. LaShana Lewis - aye
9. Margaret McDonald - aye
10. Eddie Pohrer – aye
11. Laura Radcliff - aye
12. Ellen Theroff - aye

At 12:59 p.m., upon completion of the vote, the board entered executive session. At the conclusion of the executive session, Mr. Pohrer 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. Theroff and unanimously agreed to by the board.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Cheli

The Downtown St. Louis Community Improvement District Board of Directors  
July 13, 2021 Record of Meeting Attendance:

Present

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4. Nick Garzia
5. Amrit Gill
6. Patricia Hagen
7. Renee Kriesmann
8. LaShana Lewis
9. Margaret McDonald
10. Eddie Pohrer
11. Laura Radcliff
12. Ellen Theroff

Not Present

13. Dave Biales
14. Jack Coatar
15. Marlene Davis
16. Christine Ingrassia
17. Karen Leverenz
18. James Page
19. Kitty Ratcliffe
20. David Sweeney

Members of the Public and Guests

Scott Hoffman (Anders CPAs + Advisors)  
Katie Jenner (Husch Blackwell)  
JoAnn Sandifer (Husch Blackwell)  
Lisa Stump (Lashly & Baer)

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

Michelle Cheli  
Gabrielle Cherre  
Kelli McCrary  
Tim McDonough