

**Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting of  
The Downtown St. Louis Community Improvement District  
Noon – 1:30 p.m.  
August 17, 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, August 17, 2021. A quorum of the board was present on the call and an attendance record is attached.

Ms. Radcliff called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. and welcomed the directors and thanked them for their time. Ms. Cheli noted that there was one member of the public in attendance, but no request to speak submissions had been received. Ms. Radcliff then noted that the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the July 13, 2021 board meeting was ready for board consideration. There were no requests to remove any items from the consent agenda and Mr. Bailey made a first motion to approve the consent agenda, which was seconded by Ms. Theroff and unanimously approved by the board.

Ms. Radcliff then turned the meeting presentation over to Ms. McCrary to share her update.

Ms. McCrary shared an update on the Downtown Ambassadors who have been well-received back into the Downtown community. The Ambassadors have been assisting tourists and visitors as well as providing an extra set of eyes and ears. Their presence adds to a layered approach for Downtown safety.

Ms. McCrary mentioned that several public service pieces are in production for distribution throughout the CID. A Downtown CID brochure has been created to inform people about the CID and its services and programs. Business cards for the Downtown CID Safety Officer Program and the REAL CHANGE Program have also been created. Safety escorts are offered by the Safety Officers to provide an additional layer of security and the REAL CHANGE Program serves to educate people about the many services and organizations available to assist those in need. These pieces will be carried by the guides and made available to the residential buildings, businesses, and/or hotels.

Based on feedback from CID stakeholders regarding the many challenges presented by the concrete Jersey barriers, the CID recently moved large concrete planters filled with lush botanicals to the 11<sup>th</sup> and Washington intersection. The planters have been successful in helping to safely manage traffic flow while providing a visually appealing option. The CID continues to explore a range of possibilities to replace the Jersey barriers and increase traffic safety.

SFP Landscaping recently completed a number of improvements on Laclede's Landing; additional baskets have been hung and planters throughout the area have been filled. The SFP team have been great partners to the Downtown CID and Ms. McCrary shared the need for additional services from SFP Landscaping that would include tree trimming, flowerpot repositioning, replacement of damaged flowerpots, new beautification enhancement installments, weed mitigation, fall and winter decorations, and external maintenance needs such as securing wrought iron trash bins from theft and irrigation repairs. Ms. McCrary presented the following to the board for consideration: **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DOWNTOWN ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, INC., AUTHORIZING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE SFP LANDSCAPING, INC.; AND AUTHORIZING THE ACTIONS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT.** Ms. Theroff made a first motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Ms. Davis and unanimously approved by the board.

Ms. McCrary wrapped up her update by sharing that Tim McDonough has been promoted to Office Manager, Gabby Cherre has been promoted to Communication and Public Relations Manager, and Bill Nichols has joined the Clean Team, filling one of the long-open positions.

Ms. McCrary welcomed Major Kriesmann to share an update on CID Safety Matters. The Major shared that Pierre Benoist has been promoted to Captain and assigned to the Fourth District. Captain Benoist has an extensive law enforcement background and is well-equipped to manage the needs of the district. Downtown was trending in a positive direction until a recent increase in the last 30 days. Command staff continue to meet weekly to address staffing needs and the other particular requirements of the Downtown community especially the cruising and large gatherings of juveniles.

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

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

1. David Bailey – aye
2. Jack Coatar – aye
3. Marlene Davis – aye
4. Donna Erbs – aye
5. Nick Garzia – aye
6. Christine Ingrassia – aye
7. Renee Kriesmann – aye
8. Karen Leverenz – aye
9. LaShana Lewis – aye
10. James Page – aye
11. Laura Radcliff – aye
12. David Sweeney – aye
13. Ellen Theroff – aye

At 12:53 p.m., upon completion of the vote, the board entered executive session. At the conclusion of the executive session, Ms. Theroff 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. Lewis and unanimously agreed to by the board.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Cheli

The Downtown St. Louis Community Improvement District Board of Directors  
August 17, 2021 Record of Meeting Attendance:

Present

1. David Bailey
2. Jack Coatar
3. Marlene Davis
4. Donna Erbs
5. Nick Garzia
6. Christine Ingrassia
7. Renee Kriesmann
8. Karen Leverenz
9. LaShana Lewis
10. James Page
11. Laura Radcliff
12. David Sweeney
13. Ellen Theroff

Not Present

1. Thomas Bergmann
2. Dave Biales
3. Amrit Gill
4. Patricia Hagen
5. Margaret McDonald
6. Eddie Pohrer
7. Kitty Ratcliffe

Members of the Public and Guests

Katie Jenner (Husch Blackwell)  
Ron Johnson (Lodestone Solutions)  
Dan Pistor  
Lisa Stump (Lashly & Baer)

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

Michelle Cheli  
Gabrielle Cherre  
Kelli McCrary  
Tim McDonough