

**Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting of
The Downtown St. Louis Community Improvement District
Noon – 1:30 p.m.
October 19, 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, October 19, 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 12:02 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, nor had any request to speak submissions been received. Mr. Pohrer then noted that the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the September 21, 2021 CID board meeting and the July 31, 2021 and August 31, 2021 CID Financial Statements, was ready for board consideration. There were no requests to remove any items from the consent agenda for further consideration, and Mr. Sweeney made a first motion to approve the consent agenda, which was seconded by Mr. Coatar and unanimously approved by the board.

Mr. Pohrer then turned the meeting presentation over to Ms. McCrary to share her Executive Director update.

Ms. McCrary shared a brief Executive Director's update, noting that the CID is working to enhance the façade of the boarded-up garage at Tucker and Locust. Adding artwork or other improvements to the plywood security panels will enhance the streetscape for pedestrians, vehicular traffic, and the residents who live across the street. Similar measures were taken at the Jefferson Arms Building and have seen positive results. Ms. McCrary also shared that SFP Landscaping is preparing to conduct a fall tree inventory and installation.

Ms. McCrary welcomed Major Kriesmann to share an update of CID Safety Matters. As shared at prior board meetings, Major Kriesmann noted that it is difficult to compare 2021 statistics with the previous year, as the method of data tracking recently changed. The additional 30 officers assigned to Downtown through the Downtown special detail have been beneficial to deterring crime. With the arrival of cooler temperatures, the large numbers of juveniles are subsiding as well as the cruising issue. This special detail will be wrapping up, but much has been learned, and it has provided a great model to use next spring and summer. The CID recently experienced a very positive weekend with no serious assaults or robberies, and only one car break-in.

Ms. McCrary welcomed Major Kriesmann, Ms. Lewis, and Ms. Radcliff to share a DEPSI (Downtown Engagement and Public Safety Initiative) update. Ms. Radcliff shared that the initiative started off with one large committee which then broke off into smaller committees. Ideas brainstormed in these smaller groups are now beginning to take hold and a number of ideas generated by Captain Johnson and have been incorporated into the action plan. DEPSI is serving as an umbrella organization where coordination of planning can occur. The services and resources of the CID will be presented to DEPSI along with the other service providers Downtown in order to facilitate the best coverage for Downtown. Ms. Radcliff also noted that there are some interesting ideas being discussed regarding traffic calming by the new Streets Director.

Ms. Lewis shared that she is a member of the Events subcommittee which is working to activate a number of spaces Downtown including the parks, green spaces, and underutilized surface lots. They are looking to provide activities that attract residents, visitors, and kids (family friendly events). An important first step has been to get a handle on all the events already going on Downtown. A demo website 'downtownstlevents.com' has been created to host information about all the Downtown centered events in one place. They are also working with the City to place information on the IKE kiosks and are working with event coordinators for fall, winter, and spring events.

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. Mr. Sweeney made a motion for the board to enter executive session which was seconded by Ms. McDonald.

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

1. Dave Biales - aye
2. Jack Coatar - aye
3. Marlene Davis - aye
4. Nick Garzia - aye
5. Patricia Hagen - aye
6. Christine Ingrassia - aye
7. Renee Kriesmann - aye
8. LaShana Lewis - aye
9. Margaret McDonald - aye
10. Eddie Pohrer - aye
11. Laura Radcliff - aye
12. David Sweeney - aye
13. Ellen Theroff – aye

At 12:25 p.m., upon completion of the vote, the board entered executive session. At 12:37 p.m., upon conclusion of the executive session, Ms. Radcliff 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
October 19, 2021 Record of Meeting Attendance:

Present

1. Dave Biales
2. Jack Coatar
3. Marlene Davis
4. Nick Garzia
5. Patricia Hagen
6. Christine Ingrassia
7. Renee Kriesmann
8. LaShana Lewis
9. Margaret McDonald
10. Eddie Pohrer
11. Laura Radcliff
12. David Sweeney
13. Ellen Theroff

Not Present

1. David Bailey
2. Thomas Bergmann
3. Donna Erbs
4. Amrit Gill
5. Karen Leverenz
6. James Page
7. Kitty Ratcliffe

Members of the Public and Guests

Scott Hoffman (Anders)

Lisa Stump (Lashly & Baer)

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

Michelle Cheli

Gabrielle Cherre

Kelli McCrary

Tim McDonough