

**Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting of
The Downtown St. Louis Community Improvement District
Noon – 1:30 p.m.
January 18, 2022
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, January 18, 2022. A quorum of the board was present on the call and an attendance record is attached.

Ms. Radcliff called the meeting to order at 12:02 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. Ms. Radcliff then noted that the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the December 28, 2021 CID board meeting, was ready for board consideration. There were no requests to remove any items from the consent agenda for further consideration, and Mr. Coatar made a first motion to approve the consent agenda, which was seconded by Mr. Bergmann and unanimously approved by the board.

Ms. Radcliff then introduced **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DOWNTOWN ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, INC. TO LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AGAINST REAL PROPERTY BENEFITED WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, INC.** for consideration by the board. Mr. Coatar made a first motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Ms. Ingrassia. There were no requests to discuss the resolution and a vote of the directors was requested. Ms. Cheli performed the vote which follows:

1. Thomas Bergmann - aye
2. Dave Biales - aye
3. Jack Coatar - aye
4. Donna Erbs - aye
5. Nicholas Garzia - aye
6. Patricia Hagen - aye
7. Christine Ingrassia - aye
8. Renee Kriesmann - aye
9. Karen Leverenz - aye
10. LaShana Lewis - aye
11. James Page - aye
12. Laura Radcliff - aye
13. Kitty Ratcliffe - aye
14. David Sweeney – aye

The motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Radcliff then invited Ms. McCrary to share her Executive Director update. Ms. McCrary shared that with the successful renewal of the Downtown St. Louis Community Improvement District, the Executive Committee would begin working with Lashly & Baer on updating the CID bylaws. She encouraged the directors to reach out to the executive committee or Ms. Cheli with any questions or recommendations.

Ms. McCrary also shared an update of first quarter initiatives that will be undertaken by the administrative team. With the completion of the renewal process, the CID staff will be able to dedicate more time to projects and initiatives such as community engagement, review of service contracts,

ambassador programs, small business security initiatives, a CID property manager initiative, and a contribution to LightMySTL.

Ms. Radcliff thanked Ms. McCrary for her update. She also shared with the board that due to personal reasons, Ms. Theroff had resigned from the board. Ms. Theroff was a valuable member of the board, and her presence will be missed.

Ms. McCrary welcomed Major Kriesmann to share a CID Safety Update. Major Kriesmann reminded the board that data comparison will be easier going forward but that it will still be a few months before crime statistics can be accurately compared to 2021 data. While violent crime has dropped in Downtown, there was a recent daytime robbery at Tucker and Clark on the City Hall parking lot. The same suspects committed a second robbery in the Hyde Park neighborhood later in the same day. SLMPD are on the lookout for the suspects. Additionally, car break-ins continue to be a problem Downtown, with two recent break-ins having been interrupted and guns were drawn on the victims. Fortunately, no one was hurt.

Major Kriesmann shared that discussions have already started on how to handle the cruising issues that generally begin to affect Downtown beginning in spring and continuing as long as the weather is pleasant. SLMPD is especially looking at how to maximize the enforcement piece of the cruising detail. Major Kriesmann deferred to Alderman Page regarding measures being created to increase safety on and around parking lots. Alderman Page shared that Board Bill 122 is currently in the hands of Greater St. Louis Inc. for perfection of the bill language. He is hopeful that it will go before the Board of Alderman at the next Aldermanic meeting.

Ms. McCrary welcomed Captain Ron Johnson of Lodestone Solutions Group to provide an update of his work. Captain Johnson has been involved with the discussions pertaining to the cruising and possible solutions and met with the Director of Streets Betherny Williams. Road closures, improved road surface striping, reflective paint on barricades, speed humps and bumps, rumble strips, and portable humps are all being considered as options to address the issue. The important thing is to make sure that whatever is done will actually benefit Downtown. Ms. Ratcliffe shared the importance of a solution to this problem which has been in the discussion phase for years.

Captain Johnson recently met with representatives from the St. Louis City Continuum of Care regarding the warming buses for the unhoused and possible coordination of clean-up efforts by the Clean Team to keep the areas around the warming buses free of debris. Ms. McCrary mentioned pedestrian safety concerns near the Highway 64/40 exit at Spruce as an item in need of attention. Captain Johnson has been meeting with members of the Continuum of Care regarding unhoused youth and ways to address the needs of these young people. He will be meeting with City staff to begin planning youth activities Downtown, and finally, he will meet with Jim Whyte from the Central West End regarding some of their programs and efforts.

This concluded the regular business of the meeting; Ms. Cheli noted that the agenda called for the board to discuss legal matters in closed session. Mr. Page made a first motion for the board to enter executive session, which was seconded by Ms. Ratcliffe. Ms. Cheli performed the roll call vote which follows:

1. Thomas Bergmann - aye
2. Dave Biales - aye
3. Jack Coatar - aye
4. Marlene Davis - aye
5. Donna Erbs - aye
6. Nick Garzia - aye
7. Amrit Gill - aye

8. Patricia Hagen - aye
9. Christine Ingrassia - aye
10. Renee Kriesmann - aye
11. Karen Leverenz - aye
12. LaShana Lewis - aye
13. James Page - aye
14. Kitty Ratcliffe - aye

At 12:53 p.m. the board entered executive session. At 1:08 p.m., upon 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. Erbs and unanimously agreed upon by the board.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Cheli

The Downtown St. Louis Community Improvement District Board of Directors
January 18, 2022 Record of Meeting Attendance:

Present

1. Thomas Bergmann
2. Dave Biales
3. Jack Coatar
4. Marlene Davis (joined call at 12:08 p.m.)
5. Donna Erbs
6. Nicholas Garzia
7. Amrit Gill (joined call at 12:23 p.m.)
8. Patricia Hagen
9. Christine Ingrassia (left call at 1:03 p.m.)
10. Renee Kriesmann
11. Karen Leverenz
12. LaShana Lewis
13. James Page
14. Laura Radcliff (left call at 12:40 p.m.)
15. Kitty Ratcliffe
16. David Sweeney (left call at 12:17 p.m.)

Not Present

1. David Bailey
2. Margaret McDonald
3. Eddie Pohrer

Members of the Public and Guests

Scott Hoffman (Anders)

Katie Jenner (Husch Blackwell)

Captain Ron Johnson (Lodestone Solutions Group)

JoAnn Sandifer (Husch Blackwell)

Lisa Stump (Lashly & Baer)

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

Michelle Cheli

Gabby Cherre

Kelli McCrary

Tim McDonough