

LOCUST CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT Minutes of the Meeting of September 8, 2021

Board of Commissioners Present:	Michael Beckermann Karen Drake John Hayden Jennifer Pruehsner
Commissioners Not Present:	Ken Nuernberger
Others Present:	Yulonda Carter Jeanette Bax-Kurtz MaryAnn Taylor Crate Eric Thoelke Paul Henkhaus AJ Fontana Teresa Hargrow-Simmons William Zorn

The regular meeting of the Locust Central Business District ("LBD") was duly noticed and held on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. via web based tele/video conference Zoom Meeting hosted from the Locust Business District Office located at 715 N. 21st Street, Suite A, St. Louis, Missouri 63103.

A quorum of the Board of Commissioners being present, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Hayden at 4:32 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hayden called for consideration of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on August 11, 2021 which were provided to each Commissioner prior to the meeting.

Motion 9-21-01. Upon motion of Mr. Beckerman, seconded by Ms. Pruehsner, the Board approved the minutes of the August 11, 2021 regular meeting with Commissioners Beckermann, Drake, Hayden and Pruehsner voting in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Hayden indicated that the Commissioners need to approve a budget in October. Ms. Bax-Kurtz provided the Board with updated financial information. She reviewed the statement of assets, statement of expenditures, expenses by class, and budget vs. actual. She indicated that the LBD has approximately \$160,000 on deposit with Jefferson National Bank and Trust and \$100,000 with Regions. She also noted that parking lot income is on budget and that outside maintenance is close to budget.

Committee Reports

Security

Mr. Beckermann indicated that there was an incident at the men's club on Samuel Shepard. He indicated that Gold Shield Security is patrolling that area per the GPS tracking, and that other than incidents involving male prostitution and some trash on the street at the location, it's been pretty quiet there and generally in the LBD. Mr. Hayden indicated that resources should be committed to the area to avoid future incidents. Paul Henkhaus indicated that he's spoken to the nuisance property officer as well as the Captain and Major regarding the issues around the men's club. Mr. Beckerman indicated he spoke with Alderwoman Marlene Davis about it as well. Mr. Henkhaus indicated that Gold Shield and the SLMPD are on the issue and that he will also inquire about possibly deploying a police security camera to the area.

Marketing

AJ Fontana and MaryAnn Taylor Crate from Elasticity provided a marketing and survey update Ms. Taylor Crate indicated 40 responses to the survey have been received. Mr. Fontana indicated they will do a second mailing of the survey but suggested that Elasticity pursue possible naming ideas that can be presented at the next regular meeting rather than waiting for additional survey responses. Mr. Hayden indicated that would be fine. Ms. Pruehsner indicated she hand-delivered survey cards to all 48 units in her building, so she's a bit disappointed at the continued low response rate.

Old Business

Mr. Hayden indicated Mr. Washington of New Life Landscaping has agreed to purchase the old LBD trailer for \$300.

Regarding trees in the LBD, Mr. Thaelke indicated that he has selected six (6) species that he will photograph and share with the LBD Board and the City's Forestry Department. Discussion ensued regarding the trees, tree trimming, and flyers regarding tree care for newly planted trees.

New Business

Mr. Thaelke indicated that the Music At The Intersection festival is happening in Grand Center at multiple venues and at Washington and Josephine Baker streets on September 10-12. He noted that it is nice to have live music back and that he will send a link to Ms. Carter who can circulate it to the Commissioners. He indicated that tickets can be purchased for all access for all three days, by the day, or by the venue.

Mr. Hayden indicated that the Commissioners should share any thoughts or comments they have on the budget with Ms. Carter so that she can share them all with the Treasurer while he prepares the proposed budget for next year.

There being no additional business to discuss, Mr. Hayden called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Drake moved to adjourn, Ms. Pruehsner seconded the motion and the Commissioners unanimously approved adjournment of the meeting at 5:25 p.m.


Secretary Board of Commissioners