

LOCUST CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT Minutes of the Meeting of January 12, 2022

Board of Commissioners Present:

Michael Beckermann
Karen Drake
John Hayden
Jennifer Pruehsner

Board of Commissioners Not Present: Ken Nuernberger

Others Present:

Yulonda Carter
Jeanette Bax-Kurtz
Lillie Harvey
Nick Walden
Eric Thoelke
AJ Fontana
Teresa Hargrow-Simmons
William Zorn

The regular meeting of the Locust Central Business District ("LBD") was duly noticed and held on Wednesday, January 12 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 4:31 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hayden called for consideration of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on December 8, 2021 which were provided to each Commissioner prior to the meeting.

Motion 1-22-01. Upon motion of Ms. Pruehsner, seconded by Mr. Beckermann, the Board approved the minutes of the December 8, 2021 regular meeting with Commissioners Beckermann, Drake, Hayden, and Pruehsner voting in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Bax-Kurtz indicated she has been ill, is recovering from COVID, and was unable to prepare the financial reports. Mr. Zorn indicated that there are LBD funds available at the City and that he will prepare the appropriate paperwork for the Chairman's signature in order to draw those funds.

Committee Reports

Security

Mr. Beckermann indicated that Mr. Henkhaus is out with COVID. He indicated he emailed a criminal activity report to the Commissioners which can be put on the LBD website. He indicated it's been pretty quiet in the District, with one assault since January 1st at Washington and T.E. Huntley. Mr. Beckermann noted that there were no incidents in the Gold Shield time sheets submitted.

Marketing

AJ Fontana from Elasticity indicated that he is still looking for input from the Commissioners regarding the naming choices developed by Elasticity. Mr. Walden indicated that Elasticity will make a recommendation after receiving those responses, and that proposed logo development will follow after that. Discussion ensued regarding next steps and the timeline for same.

New Business

Ms. Hayden noted a complaint received by Ms. Pruehsner from a neighbor regarding a problem property or properties on Locust which have graffiti, trash, an abandoned truck and cars parked on gravel. Mr. Hayden indicated he will send a letter to the property owner to help resolve the issue and that a report should be made to the Citizens Service Bureau in City Hall.

Mr. Hayden indicated that the parking lot lights have been repaired. He indicated that the LBD received a rate increase notice from SCA the successor street sweeping company to Metro Sweeping. He indicated that there were no comments from the Commissioners regarding the vendor RFPs, so those will be sent out with updated response dates.

Ms. Pruehsner indicated she heard a new Commissioner, Nicole Lewis, who is a property manager who works with Jassen Johnson is slated to be appointed.

Mr. Thaelke indicated it has been very quiet in his part of the District.

Ms. Harvey indicated her restaurant has been doing well but that she is experiencing a worker shortage like so many businesses.

Ms. Hargrow-Simmons inquired about an update on the broken security camera. Mr. Beckermann indicated has not heard any update and that he will follow up on that.

There being no additional business to discuss, Mr. Hayden called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Drake moved to adjourn, Mr. Beckermann seconded the motion and the Commissioners unanimously approved adjournment of the meeting at 5:09 p.m.


Secretary, Board of Commissioners