

LOCUST CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 9, 2016

Board of Commissioners Present:

Barry Adelstein
Michael Beckermann
John Hayden
Jennifer Pruehsner

Others Present:

Joy Christensen
Chandra Wade
Alexandra Durdello
Vivian Perry
Scott Gundolf
Roger Cohen
Alana Hauck
Renee Kriesmann
Paul Henkhaus
David Cooperwood
Alisha Robinson
William Zorn

The regular monthly meeting of the Locust Central Business District ("LBD") was duly noticed and held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. at the Locust Business District Office located at 3150 Locust Street, Suite 200, St. Louis, Missouri 63103. A quorum of the Board of Commissioners being present, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Hayden at 5:00 p.m.

Board Meeting Procedures

Mr. Hayden provided an overview of the meeting procedures.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hayden indicated that a draft of the minutes of the February 10, 2016 annual meeting of the LBD were previously provided to the Board of Commissioners. There being no comments or corrections, Mr. Hayden called for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion 03-16-01. Upon motion of Mr. Beckermann, seconded by Mr. Adelstein, the Commissioners unanimously approved the minutes of the February 10, 2016 annual meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Adelstein provided the balance sheet of the LBD, as of February 29, 2016, the check ledger of the LBD, and the profit and loss budget v. actual analysis of the LBD to the Commissioners. He indicated that there is approximately \$35,000 in the operating account and approximately \$104,000 in the reserve accounts. Mr. Adelstein indicated that there will also soon be a draw of funds from the City which will enhance the LBD

cash position. He indicated that the approved budget for 2016 was sent to the Mayor's office after the last meeting. He indicated that the audit of the last half of 2015 is being conducted currently and should be complete by the next meeting.

Committee Reports

Mr. Hayden asked for committee reports. Mr. Beckermann provided the Security Committee report. He indicated that the new security cameras are up and working. He visited the Police Department's Real Time Crime Center again and viewed the new cameras in operation. Mr. Beckermann indicated that the costs for installation of the LPR cameras is being ascertained and that those cameras will be added to the system soon. Mr. Hayden noted that crime in the area is down and attributed that in part to the addition of these cameras, and he congratulated the Commissioners for being on the front edge of adding this effective tool to security in the LBD.

Capt. Renee Kriesmann of the SLMPD congratulated and praised the LBD Commissioners for their hard work and dedication to add the LBD cameras to the Real Time Crime Center which aids in better policing. She stated that the Commissioners are pioneers in best practices in the state of the art. She indicated that Grand Center, just to the west of the LBD, wants what the LBD has and may be next to add cameras to the Real Time Crime Center's camera system. She thanked the Commissioners for the LBD's significant participation in the system. Captain Kriesmann indicated crime is down in the City as a whole as well as in the Midtown area generally and in the LBD even though it's been very busy time in the District with the St. Patrick's parade and run as well as the Bruce Springsteen concert and many of the venues in the District being busy and full of patrons.

Lt. Hauck of Gold Shield Security indicated that car break-ins continue to be a problem. She indicated that two juveniles associated with a computer and pizza theft from a car in the 2700 block of Locust were arrested. There was also a gun taken from a car which wasn't reported until 13 days later, which makes the report seem dubious. Lt. Hauck indicated there was a burglary at Small Batch on April 28th at 5am which included shattering the front window and the theft of alcohol. She provided a still photo from the video cameras inside Small Batch of the perpetrator in case anyone could recognize him. She indicated that the police department's supplemental security patrol starts this weekend and that Gold Shield will also mix up their patrols to include early mornings until 3 a.m. to see if there is an increased effect. Mr. Adelstein asked if it is appropriate for the LBD to share images captured by LBD cameras and indicated he would like to avoid potential liability to the LBD. Police Officer Henkhaus indicated that images should be shared with the police who can then circulate the with appropriate descriptions of suspects and other appropriate details. Officer Henkhaus indicated that "when you see something, say something" is the best approach and that informing the police immediately helps them to prevent additional crimes and to apprehend perpetrators. He indicated that the LBD cameras help greatly. A discussion of security and of reporting crime to the police ensued.

Mr. Adelstein indicated that he will schedule a finance committee meeting. Mr. Hayden noted that the LBD has a new budget process, via Board Bill 253AA which was introduced by Alderwoman Ingrassia to the Board of Aldermen. The process is now in accordance with the other special business districts in the City. Mr. Hayden indicated that copies of the Board Bill are available. Discussion ensued.

New Business

Ms. Chandra Wade of the Central Baptist Church indicated they are holding a street fair and block party on Saturday, July 23rd from 11am to 4pm on T.E. Huntley between Washington and Olive. There will be vendors, businesses, food trucks and activities for kids.

There being no further business to conduct, Mr. Hayden called for a motion to adjourn.

Upon motion of Mr. Adelstein seconded by Ms. Pruehsner and with unanimous approval of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 pm.


Secretary Board of Commissioners