

LOCUST CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

Minutes of the Meeting of December 21, 2016

Board of Commissioners Present:

Barry Adelstein
Michael Beckermann
Bryan Hahlbeck
John Hayden
Jared Opsal
James Pendegraft

Others Present:

David Cooperwood
Paul Henkhaus
Alana Hauck
Bob Wood
Scott Gundolf
Andy White
Ald. Marlene Davis
Nassim Benchaabang
Roger Cohen
Capt. Renee Kriesmann
Alisha Robinson
William Zorn

The monthly meeting of the Locust Central Business District ("LBD") was duly noticed and held on Wednesday, December 21, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at The Schlafly Tap Room, 2100 Locust, St. Louis, Missouri 63103.

A quorum of the Board of Commissioners being present, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Hayden at 6:05 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 November 16, 2016 regular meeting of the LBD were previously provided to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Hayden asked if there were any comments or corrections to the minutes. There being none, Mr. Hayden called for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion 12-16-01. Upon motion of Mr. Opsal, seconded by Mr. Pendegraft, the Commissioners unanimously approved the minutes of the November 16, 2016 regular meeting with Commissioners Adelstein, Beckermann, Hahlbeck, Hayden, Opsal and Pendegraft voting in favor of the motion.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Adelstein provided the balance sheet of the LBD, the check ledger of the LBD, and the profit and loss budget v. actual analysis of the LBD through November, 2016 to the Commissioners. He indicated there is approximately \$133,000 in the operating account with \$88,000 expected to be remaining at the end of the year which can be carried over to 2017. He noted that the line item for legal expenses to defend the law suit brought by Adler Lofts against the LBD is the only over-budget line item. He reminded the Commissioners that the LBD uses cash flow accounting. A discussion of bank accounts of the LBD ensued.

Mr. Adelstein indicated that he expects a draft of the 6-month audit by next week from the auditors.

Committee Reports

Security Report

Mr. Hayden requested a security report. Captain Kriesmann of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department indicated that that crime overall is down approximately 5% city wide as well as in the 4th District compared to last year. She indicated that robberies we up somewhat in the city, but that there are fewer robberies in the Downtown West neighborhood this year compared to 2015. The Captain said there were eight or nine car break-ins since last month including one across from the Police headquarters and two at the Tap Room. She stated that two suspects were apprehended and that warrants were issued on both suspects. A discussion of Incoming State Representative Franks robbery, other robberies, prosecution, 911, and additional security measures ensued.

Mr. Beckermann noted that he is working with the Circuit Attorney's Office to schedule a Security Committee meeting wherein a representative of that office can attend to discuss and describe the prosecution process and court advocacy. Captain Kriesmann reminded the Commissioners and audience that the Metropolitan Police Department is currently about 150 to 180 officers short of its staffing goal which means that some overlay officers are missing which also results in lesser police visibility. She indicated that the crime and policing will likely be a topic in the upcoming mayoral election.

Discussion turned to street lighting. Captain Kriesmann indicated that the police or the streets department can perform a lighting survey. Alderwoman Davis indicated that each Alderperson gets 25 blocks of lighting in his or her budget. She indicated that she is using additional capital funds to upgrade all the lighting in the 19th Ward. Mr. Adelstein reminded the Commissioners that the LBD paid to upgrade 136 of the street light fixtures on 136 of the approximately 600 city-owned light standards in the District a year ago.

Lt. Hauck indicated that Gold Shield Security is maintaining its increased secondary security patrols with longer shifts and later hours during the holidays. She indicated that the secondary security officers are engaging with patrons, customers and visitors in the


District in addition to the business and property owners. Gold Shield officers are on bike, on foot beat, as well as in a gold colored vehicle with flashing lights.

Alderwoman Davis welcomed the new LBD Commissioners and indicated she has been reflecting on the efforts the LBD has made to enhance security in the area and in the City over the last several years. She noted that it was the LBD which, along with other central corridor participants, via their monthly central corridor joint security meetings, led to the creation of the Real Time Crime Center. Ald. Davis indicated that the central corridor security committee, by working together to support new businesses, add additional lighting, fund security cameras which are added to the Real Time Crime Center's centralized electronic security and surveillance system, has helped to contain crime as the City grows and as turmoil also grew within and outside of the City. Ald. Davis reminded the Commissioners that she is a resource for the LBD as well, but that she is not here to tell the LBD what to do, or how to spend its financial resources. She noted that the Comptroller's office monitors the LBD budget, and that the LBD gets independent audits, and that the LBD has done a great job to attract businesses and residents and to enhance security in the District and in the City in the face of the increased turmoil. She noted that crime is lower this year in the LBD, but also in the Central West End, east of the LBD and in Lafayette Square due in large part to the efforts of the LBD and its central corridor partners.

Mr. Beckermann noted that the new LBD website may be a place to share information on these statistics and on the LBDs efforts to enhance security in the LBD and the central corridor. He noted that the LPR cameras that the LBD already purchased now have permits to be installed and that installation should occur in the first two weeks of January. Mr. Beckermann updated the Commissioners on the latest phase (Phase II) of the security camera project which was let for bids. He noted that Gershner Electric was the lowest and most accurate respondent to the RFP for the purchase and installation of camera equipment. He also noted that Mallinckrodt has donated its surveillance cameras to the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, so that the Department owns and maintains the equipment connected to the Real Time Crime Center rather than Mallinckrodt owning it. Discussion ensued about the possibility of the LBD making a similar donation of the cameras and equipment in Phase II to the SLMPD.

Motion 12-16-02. Upon motion of Mr. Beckermann, seconded by Mr. Adelstein, the Commissioners unanimously approved donating the money for the purchase of installation of the cameras and equipment for Phase II of the LBD security camera program to the SLMPD, if possible, or, in the alternative, to move forward and accept the proposal of Gershner Electric for Phase II of the security camera program with Commissioners Adelstein, Beckermann, Hahlbeck, Hayden, Opsal and Pendegraft voting in favor of the motion.

Mr. Beckermann also passed out a list of the camera locations of the original LBD camera system not connected to the Real Time Crime Center. Of the 15 cameras on


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