

# LOCUST CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

## Minutes of the Meeting of June 8, 2016

Board of Commissioners Present:

Barry Adelstein  
Michael Beckermann  
John Hayden  
Jared Opsal  
Jennifer Pruehsner

Others Present:

Robert Wood  
Daniel Flynn  
Alexandra Durdello  
Scott Gundolf  
Kurt Tarkington  
Jack Strobel  
Cathy Strobel  
Mark Katzman  
Paul Henkhaus  
Jack Talbot  
Ruthie Clark  
Alisha Robinson  
William Zorn

The monthly meeting of the Locust Central Business District (“LBD”) was duly noticed and held on Wednesday, June 8, 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 April 4, 2016 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 06-16-01.** Upon motion of Ms. Pruehsner, seconded by Mr. Adelstein, the Commissioners unanimously approved the minutes of the April 4, 2016 regular meeting.

### **Treasurer’s Report**

Mr. Adelstein provided the balance sheet of the LBD, as of June, 2016, the check ledger of the LBD, and the profit and loss budget v. actual analysis of the LBD as of May 31, 2016 to the Commissioners. Mr. Adelstein indicated that 90% of budgeted income has been received, that rental income is on track, so overall income is on budget. He noted

that expenses are also on track with the exception of the costs defending the lawsuit brought against the LBD.

### **Committee Reports**

Mr. Hayden requested a security update. Officer Paul Henkhaus provided police reports for May and into June and noted a spike in car break-ins with 18 incidents. He noted a decrease in larcenies compared with 2015. He indicated that Lt. Hauck has communicated the LBD's Gold Shield Security supplemental security schedule to the police. He noted that there have been no crimes against persons in the LBD since the last meeting. A discussion of the police department's patrol schedule, Gold Shield Security's schedule, other private security in the District, and the role of security cameras ensued.

Mr. Hayden indicated that volunteers and tools from Operation Brightside are scheduled to help eradicate weeds in the District on June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Hayden proposed to purchase two commercial grade weed whackers and supplies for \$650 to be used to help with the weeding efforts. He indicated that Harris Stowe students and residents and property owners have also been invited to participate.

**Motion 06-16-02.** Mr. Adelstein moved to purchase the two weed whackers and supplies for \$650 for use in beautification efforts in the District. Discussion ensued. The motion failed for lack of a second.

### **New Business**

Mr. Hayden welcomed new commissioner Jared Opsal. Mr. Opsal indicated he represents Joy Christensen on the board, that he is Executive Director of the St. Louis Downtown Neighborhood Association and is looking forward to the synergy between the Association and the LBD. Mr. Hayden requested that Mr. Opsal chair the marketing committee and nominated him for same.

**Motion 06-16-03.** Upon motion of Mr. Adelstein, seconded by Ms. Pruehsner, the Commissioners unanimously approved Mr. Hayden's appointment of Mr. Opsal as the Chair of the Marketing Committee.

Mr. Hayden asked if there was any other new business to discuss. Mr. Wood inquired whether the loan the LBD has was paid. Mr. Adelstein indicated it was. Mr. Kurt Tarkington, Neighborhood Improvement Specialist from the Office of the Mayor indicated that he is addressing graffiti in the 19<sup>th</sup> ward and advised anybody with graffiti removal requests to contract the Citizens Service Bureau or resource officers. Ms. Strobel asked if sidewalk weeds are the responsibility of the property owner. Mr. Tarkington indicate they are. Mr. Talbot indicated he is the representative of the seller/owner of 2650 Locust which is vacant and being considered for redevelopment. Mr. Wood asked there is any update on social media. None was indicated. Mr. Flynn noted there is a new commissioner today and inquired if there are others being considered. Mr. Hayden indicated that those decisions are made in the Mayor's office.

Mr. Wood asked if there is a security committee meeting planned. Mr. Hayden indicated no meeting is scheduled.

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

***Upon motion of Mr. Adelstein seconded by Mr. Opsal and with unanimous approval of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.***

  
Secretary, Board of Commissioners