

LOCUST CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

Minutes of the Meeting of April 4, 2016

Board of Commissioners Present:

Barry Adelstein
Michael Beckermann
John Hayden
Jennifer Pruehsner

Others Present:

Ald. Christine Ingrassia
Bob Wood
Jared Opsal
Dr. Segwana Pryor
Vivian Perry
Capt. Adam Moore
Scott Gundolf
Roger Cohen
Alana Hauck
Renee Kriesmann
Paul Henkhaus
David Cooperwood
Alisha Robinson
William Zorn

The monthly meeting of the Locust Central Business District ("LBD") was duly noticed and held on Monday, April 4, 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 5:01 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 March 9, 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 04-16-01. Upon motion of Mr. Beckermann, seconded by Ms. Pruehsner, the Commissioners unanimously approved the minutes of the March 9, 2016 regular meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Adelstein provided the balance sheet of the LBD, as of March 31, 2016, the check ledger of the LBD, and the profit and loss budget v. actual analysis of the LBD to the Commissioners. He indicated a need to be careful regarding spending in light of litigation expenses which continue. Mr. Hayden noted that \$15,000 was allocated for

litigation in the budget, and that the expenses will certainly exceed \$15,000. Discussion ensued.

Motion 04-16-02. Mr. Adelstein moved to approve expenditures to pay for the cost of litigation exceeding \$15,000 currently budgeted for the LBD's legal defense. Ms. Pruehsner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Adelstein indicated that the audit has been completed, and that printed copies will be provided to the Commissions shortly.

Committee Reports

Mr. Hayden indicated that the Mayor was to have been in attendance to address the Commissioners and the audience, but that he was unable to attend due to other matters. Mr. Hayden then requested a security report. Captain Kriesmann of the SLMPD provided a monthly crime update. She indicated a slight increase over last year in the Downtown West neighborhood and that car break-ins continue. She noted that one camera that was down is back up, and that the cameras are a valuable tool that the police use every day. Lt. Hauck of Gold Shield Security provided an update of activity in the LBD and provided a written report of Incidents in the LBD from March 9 to April 4, 2016. She reviewed the incidents and noted that property crime is sporadic. She indicated that Gold Shield is supplementing security throughout the LBD and reminded businesses to contact her with their special event schedules. Officer Paul Henkhaus also made a report.

Alderwoman Ingrassia indicated that Prop E is on the ballot tomorrow, and that the earnings tax provides over \$160 Million to the City's coffers, over half of which is paid by non-residents. If the earnings tax is not retained, then property taxes and sales tax in the City would have to be raised. She noted that there is also a general obligation bond issue on the ballot which will not raise taxes.

Mr. Adelstein indicated that a façade lighting program application was received. He indicated that the subject property has received sidewalk and lighting program assistance from the LBD previously. Mr. Adelstein recommended that no grants be given for the façade lighting program for six months. Ms. Pruehsner agreed, due to pending litigation. Mr. Beckermann agreed. Mr. Hayden agreed.

Approval of Minutes continued

Mr. Hayden indicated that the draft minutes of the January 29, 2016 special meeting of the LBD were also provided to the Board of Commissioners. There being no comments or corrections, Mr. Hayden called for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion 04-16-03. Upon motion of Mr. Adelstein, seconded by Mr. Beckermann, the Commissioners unanimously approved the minutes of the January 29, 2016 special meeting.

New Business

Ms. Pruehsner asked if there is any update on the appointment of additional Commissioners. Ald. Ingrassia indicated that the Board of Aldermen is currently out of session. Discussion ensued.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Adelstein seconded by Mr. Beckermann and with unanimous approval of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.


Secretary, Board of Commissioners