

LOCUST CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 28, 2023

Board of Commissioners Present:

Michael Beckermann
Karen Drake
Nicole Lewis
Ken Nuernberger

Commissioners not Present:

John Hayden
Jennifer Pruehsner

Others Present:

Yulonda Carter
Ann Kittlaus
Adrienne Outlaw
William Zorn

A special meeting of the Locust Central Business District ("LBD") was duly noticed and held on Friday, April 28, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at 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. Nuernberger at 10:13 a.m.

Neighborhood Grant

Mr. Nuernberger reminded the Commissioners of a notice of federal grant funding availability (NOFA) for Neighborhood Transformation Grants administered through the City of St. Louis Community Development Agency (CDA), and the short timeline for applications for same. He indicated that he heard of the program from Tom Nagel who is heading administration of the funding locally and also through Rich Simmons at Grand Center who is working with the Kranzberg Arts Foundation to apply for funds for a lighting project that may also involve streetscape and security elements. Their proposed project may also have a street art component.

Mr. Nuernberger introduced Adrienne Outlaw, who is a local artist who has a video featured on the LBD website. Ms. Outlaw indicated she is working on the Walls Off Washington project in Grand Center as well as on an Arts Pathway project from the Contemporary Art Museum to Urban Chestnut and the .ZACK building in Grand Center. Ms. Outlaw also spoke about the security enhancing element of such projects especially in that they may including additional lighting. She also spoke of the possibility of including Jeff-Vander-Lou and Covenant Blu neighborhoods in any potential grant applications. Ms. Outlaw also indicated she is involved with Midtown Alley leadership board, that her studio and exhibition space is at 3115 Locust and that she was formerly

an NPR reporter. Discussion ensued regarding potential projects and partnerships on project applications.

Mr. Nuernberger introduced Ann Kittlaus who is a consultant that may be able to help with the project funding application process. Ms. Kittlaus shared her background and how she came to be a strategic communications and public affairs consultant. She shared her professional achievements, workplace and personal history, as well as her work as the 28th Ward Democratic Committee Head. Discussion ensued regarding the grant opportunity, potential projects, and the application process and timeline. Ms. Kittlaus also discussed her proposed engagement letter with the LBD which was shared with the Commissioners before the meeting. Discussion ensued.

Motion 04-23-04. Upon motion of Mr. Beckermann, seconded by Ms. Lewis, the Board approved entering into the engagement letter, as amended, with Ann Kittlaus to work with the Commissioners and to prepare a proposal for St. Louis City's Neighborhood Transformation Grant program with Commissioners Beckermann, Drake, Lewis, and Nuernberger voting in favor.

There being no additional business to discuss, Mr. Nuernberger called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Beckermann moved to adjourn, Ms. Lewis seconded the motion and the Commissioners unanimously approved adjournment of the meeting at 11:43 a.m.


Secretary, Board of Commissioners