

## **LOCUST CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT Minutes of the Meeting of August 14, 2024**

Board of Commissioners Present: Michael Beckermann  
Julian Davis  
John Hayden  
Nicole Lewis  
Ken Nuernberger  
Jennifer Pruehsner

Board of Commissioners Not Present: Karen Drake

Others Present: Marlene Davis  
Victor Washington  
Lisa Otke  
Officer Chassity Hickmann  
Ald. Laura Keys  
Ann Kittlaus  
Yulonda Carter  
Jeanette Bax-Kurtz  
William Zorn

The regular meeting of the Locust Central Business District ("LBD") was duly noticed and held on Wednesday August 14, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. via web based tele/video conference Zoom Meeting hosted from and also held in person at the Westgate Lofts community room located at 2323 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63103

A quorum of the Board of Commissioners being present, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Hayden at 4:37 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Hayden called for consideration of the minutes of the July 9, 2024 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners which were provided to each Commissioner prior to the meeting.

**Motion 8-24-01.** Upon motion of Mr. Nuernberger, seconded by Ms. Pruehsner, the Board approved the minutes of the July 9, 2024 regular meeting with Commissioners Beckermann, Davis, Hayden, Lewis, Nuernberger, and Pruehsner voting in favor and none opposed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Nuernberger indicated there is a balance of \$589,964 in the bank as of July 31, 2024. He reviewed the Assets and Liabilities, Income and Expenses, Budget v. Actual expenses and indicated the LBD is close to on-budget with expenses \$19,000 under projected expenses. He also noted that the LBD parking lot is under projected income

due to recent lighting upgrade expense. He updated the Commissioners on the bank check/fraud issue and indicated the LBD may set up a new account and/or approve each check with the bank and/or set up more ACH payments to vendors to avoid mailing checks.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Security**

Mr. Beckermann indicated that in crime was down again in the 4<sup>th</sup> District. Officer Hickmann is the new liaison/community engagement officer, and her contact information is [cahickman@slmpd.org](mailto:cahickman@slmpd.org) 314/444-2573.

### **Beautification**

Mr. Washington of New Life Landscaping indicated that he has development a schedule for weeding and will pay more attention to the alleys. He indicated that three additional small trash receptacle liners are still needed.

### **Director's Report**

Ms. Kittlaus gave her Director's report to the Commissioners. She noted that the guidelines for the 50/50 lighting program were provided to the Commissioners previously and indicated that the lighting committee will make recommendations to the full board of Commissioners who have final approval authority over the applications.

Alderwoman Keys noted that the LBD and its patrons and partners can use a QR code to access may city services including the office of violence prevention. She noted that CDA and SLDC have monies available for businesses and that the city also has a business empowerment center.

Ms. Kittlaus indicted that a draft version on the new LBD website is available for the Board to view. She indicated she would like to get additional photographs for the website. Discussion ensued about sources for additional photographs in the LBD. Ms. Kittlaus indicated that the website will be updated by staff once its up and running.

Ms. Kittlaus indicated that the 60<sup>th</sup> annual Moonlight Ramble is this Saturday and that it begins and ends in the LBD. She indicated that part of Locust Street will close at noon on Saturday. Discussion ensued about the event.

Ms. Kittlaus indicated that she and Ms. Pruehsner have arranged to have Bi-State have a public presentation regarding the Greenline on Jefferson Avenue on September 4<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the Westgate Lofts. She also noted that FOCUS St. Louis has an emerging leaders program and that she applied to have a group of young professionals look at the LBD infrastructure and that the group will issue a report on same in November.

## **Old/New Business**

Mr. Hayden noted that the Commissioners will take up the Administrative Assistant contract and the Director's contract renewals at a special meeting on Tuesday August 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

He noted the next regular meeting is on September 11, 2024.

Marlene Davis indicated that the FOCUS St. Louis cohort information is on-line. She also noted that the funds available at CDA and SLDC should be shared with the businesses in the LBD.

There being no additional business to discuss, Mr. Hayden called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Lewis moved to adjourn, Mr. Nuernberger seconded the motion and the Commissioners approved adjournment of the meeting at 6:15 p.m. with Commissioners Beckermann, Davis, Hayden, Lewis, Nuernberger and Pruehsner voting in favor and none opposed.

  
Secretary, Board of Commissioners