



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes

May 24, 2024

Attendance:

Directors Present: Caya Aufiero, Ann Smart, Mel Brockley, Dwayne Nelson, Michael Powers

Directors Absent: Fadumo Hassan

Guests: Kyle Russell, Shawn Stokes-Shane Cohn's Leg Aide, Dallas Adams-Dutchtown Main Streets

Call to Order:

Caya Aufiero called the meeting to order at 5:33pm and announced a quorum was present

Guests were introduced and Dominique Shields was introduced to the board.

Approval of previous Board Minutes:

Ann moved to approve previous minutes, Michael seconded, and it carried unanimously. The previous board meeting minutes were approved as written.

Secretary's Report: Ann Smart

Ann reported working with the DTCID lawyer on the Dutchtown Main Streets response letter; Caya stated the letter reads much smoother now.

Treasurer's Report / Budget:

There is \$1,700 remaining in the proposed new budget. Ann informs the board that there will be updated ledgers coming that better sorts the data that was advised by the accountant. The budget updated the string lights of 4700-5500 block lights Virginia. Michael moved to approve the budget as amended, Dwayne seconded, and it was carried unanimously.

New Business:

-The matter of Kyle Russell serving on the board is brought to the table. Caya Aufiero states that there has been concern on how open the recruiting process is for the board committee. There was then a short summary on the basic requirements of a board member (e.g. resident/business represented on footprint).

-Ann agrees that a wider net should be cast to get more involvement from the community and other business owners

-Mel and Dwayne think the best route to take is showing that the board wants those who want to be on the board now instead of risking loss of interest while casting the net.

-Kyle Russell is asking for clarification on why he was forgotten on the agenda and the hesitation on considering him as a board member. Mel and Caya state there was a mishap in communication, and that he wasn't forgotten.

-Michael moves that the board sets time on next meeting's agenda to discuss the advisory board, budget meetings, board seats, the turnout rate of the meetings, and mapping out a clear procedure for choosing members.

Old Business:

- a. Caya states the mental health/harassment of merchants in the Commercial District should be ending because the individual has moved to a different area, downtown. Former officer, Jim Whyte, has been instrumental in helping with information and updates with the individual.
- b. Caya informs board that the opening of Constantinos will be June 8th at 5 PM CST and invites everyone in attendance to join.

- c. Ann, Mel, Dwayne, and Fadumo will not be attending the 2024 Annual Main Street Conference. Michael will attend and connect with Caya.

For the good of the neighborhood:

- a. June 1st Summer Vibes at the NIC- Ann will come around 11:30 am to volunteer, Dominique will be working that day, and Dwayne can possibly stop by the booth but will be cooking at his *Your Place* booth
- b. After Hours, 2nd Thursdays, 5.30-7.30, June 13 – location is still unknown due to rescheduling
- c. Sunday, June 9 & every Sunday through the summer- Music at The Wink! Annex- Roots, Rhythm & Vibes 5-7 Blues, Jazz & World Music
- d. June 15, 10am-1pm Safer Dutchtown Summit- John Chen will need volunteers for the event

Action Items:

Next meeting:

June 25, 2024 (4th Tuesday of each month) The meeting will be open to the public at the Neighborhood Innovation Center (NIC STL) 3207 Meramec, 63118 & online at <https://dutchtownstl.org/cidmeeting>

Adjournment:

Ann moves to adjourn the meeting, Mel seconds, and the vote is unanimous. The meeting is adjourned at 6:48pm.

Minutes by Dominique Shields, Admin