



**DUTCHTOWN COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES
DATE: March 26, 2024**

Attendance:

Directors Present: Caya Aufiero, Mel Brockley, Dwayne Nelson, Michael Powers (via Teams Meet), Molly Rebmann, and Ann Smart, Fadumo Hassan (via Teams Meet)

Directors Excused:

Directors Absent:

Guests: Tiffany Minx (CID Advisory Board), Hannah Clemens (practicum student with DeSales), Shawn Stokes (legislative assistant for Shane Cohn, Dallas Adams DTMS, via Teams Meet) Wally Rebmann (Sign of the Times Tattoo) John Chen (NIC/Safety Committee)

Call to Order:

Caya Aufiero called the meeting to order at 5:43 pm and announced a quorum was present. Introduction of board members to guests

Approval of previous board minutes:

Michael moved to approve previous board minutes February and was seconded by Dwayne. Motion unanimously carried.

Secretary's Report: Ann Smart

Postcard announcement for Main Streets conference received.

Treasurer's Report: Caya Aufiero

- a. Financial Statements – Treasurer's Report, Balance Sheet, Bank Statement
 - i. February Net Operating expenses: \$17,375.56
 - ii. Total Assets: \$275,934
 - iii. Bank balance of \$249,964.08.
- b. Ann moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and was seconded by Dwayne. Motion carried.
- c. Discussion regarding purchase of food from board member restaurants.
 - i. Supporting CID footprint /board member/local business is encouraged.
 - ii. If there is a significant purchase for which there is a vote, the board member must recuse themselves.
- d. Discussion of reports from city of STL regarding taxes paid.
 - i. CID must request the tax reports from the city.
 - ii. CID submits requests for payment to the city.



Update from Desales Community Housing Corporation:

- a. Virginia Plaza development in the 5300 block of Virginia.
- b. Funded was complete in December, there will be multiple financial closings, so it is anticipated all closings will be complete by the end of this year or early next year.
- c. Construction is anticipated to begin in the Summer of 2025.
- d. Live, live/work and commercial spaces to be developed.
- e. There will be a community meeting in June or July with more information.
- f. The old Family Dollar property is currently for lease due to legal reasons associated with the funding. Desales is looking for a short-term tenant.

New Business:

- a. Member happy hour report. Approximately 50 attendees. \$2,153.51 total spent.
- b. Main Street Conference in Kansas City- DTCID can pay for the conference itself, but not for meals or hotel rooms. Block of rooms thru July 8 or til sold out. Conference reg is not available yet.
 - i. July 30 – August 1

Annual Draft Budget:

- a. Review of budget line items
- b. CID Safety Committee presentation – John Chen
 - a. Connected Dutchtown (via technology)
 - 1. Three types of cameras
 - a. Connected Camera Network (CCN) – give to any building on the footprint as part of a network of cameras.
 - i. Need power and Wi-Fi hotspots.
 - ii. Wyze Cameras provided.
 - b. Community Camera Partnership (CCP)- Personal cameras on footprint registry
 - c. Flock – ALPRs- Managed camera network of license plate readers.
 - i. CID footprint has 8 cameras up, one more waiting on city permitting for installation
 - b. Safer Dutchtown



1. Re-introduce 3rd party patrol for “special days” (12 days to be determined) For example “peacekeepers” patrolled during previous time of social turmoil.
 2. Monthly meetups
 3. Citizens Safety Related Project Pilots
 4. Members want more visibility of security on duty.
- c. Budget impact discussion
1. Discussed the need for the budget to hire help to assist John in implementing the Connected Dutchtown plan.
 2. Caya has reached out to Midwest Alarm to help install.
 3. We need part-time paid or a volunteer to install cameras on Saturdays.
 4. Mel suggested hiring a safety committee coordinator.
- d. Mel moved to add \$40,000 to the safety budget to hire / fund safety initiative execution and marketing and was seconded by Dwayne. Motion unanimously carried.
- c. Continued review of budget line items
- a. Summer Vibes
 1. Funding was not requested by DTMS this year but was added to the budget as this is a successful and important event to promote the neighborhood.
 2. \$11,300 is for 2 Summer Vibes (FY 2023 and 2024)
 - b. Crosswalk painting
 1. CID has been asking for the city to paint the crosswalks, but it has not happened, therefore, Alderman Shane Cohn recommends we pursue doing it ourselves.
 2. \$5000 for painting tool in budget/
 - c. Merchant sidewalk signs
 1. Molly & Dwayne took responsibility for design, delivery, and storage of signs. Provided by the DT CID” with logo to be placed on the frame
 2. Molly moves to fund merchant sidewalk signs for up to \$10,000 and was seconded by Dwayne. Motion unanimously carried.
 - d. 5K Race update from Mel



1. MSE Racing was contacted.
 - a. Charge is \$950 for basic race services.
 - b. Sally Drake is point person.
2. Mel estimates \$5000 to execute a race.
3. Ann recommends pairing race with the Summer Vibes event
4. This would be a FY 2026 budget item.
- e. Michael announces Family Care Center (Health) on South Grand taking outparcel at Habitat site
- d. Molly moved to accept the draft budget and was seconded by Ann. Motion unanimously carried.
- e. Follow on budget items to be discussed/proposed for final budget.
 - a. Adding \$3.000 to the budget to be used for event sponsorships in Dutchtown.
 - b. Taking surplus funding and putting in a line item for matching grant funds.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM, Next meeting is **April 23rd, 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>

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Minutes submitted by Ann Smart