

Dutchtown Community Improvement District (CID)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2024

Attendance:

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

Directors Absent: None

Guests: Tasha Pettis (new Executive Director of DTMS), Latasha Harvey Smith, Bill Clendenin (lawyer), Rorke Cchouk (resident), Kyle Russell (resident and business owner), Patrick and Lauren (residents)

Call to Order:

Caya Aufiero called the meeting to order at 5:50 PM and announced that a quorum was present.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

The minutes from the March meeting and the budget meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

Secretary's Report:

The Collector of Revenue Reports are being sent directly to our accountant, LEM Business Solutions.

Treasurer's Report:

Laura Dalpiaz reported the P&L statement with total expenses year-to-date (YTD) of \$90,970.03.

The balance sheet total is \$275,320.23, and the bank statement balance is \$243,758.26.

Mel Brockley requested a review of the bank expenditure line items for the month. The majority of spending was for supplies for member happy hours and payments to trash services. The accountant's gift certificates included cash withdrawals. The balance sheet shows \$14,000 outgoing.

Mel moved to approve the treasurer's report, Ann seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Annual Budget Report: Due to the Board of Aldermen by May 31, 2024. All new budget and grant items were discussed, and the grant committee will need to meet one more time.

New Business:

Treasurer Pro Tem: Michael Powers moved to name Ann Smart as Treasurer pro tem and add Fadumo Hassan and Ann to the bank account as signers. Dwayne Nelson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Destination Mural: Discussion about increasing the grant for Greenfield, though there are no quotes currently. The idea was to add a few thousand dollars if necessary. It was mentioned that another building might be needed as Greenfield requires too much tuckpointing. Latasha mentioned another building grant proposed through RAC.

Bus Stop Revitalization at NIC: Ann proposed this as a prototype. Michael suggested Chippewa and Grand due to infrastructure needs and high transit ridership. Resident Patrick supported the Meramec bus stop revamp.

Virginia Spring Fling: Scheduled for May 18th, including a cleanup day, food, and community organizing at the pocket park. Latasha will promote CID at the event.

First Friday Block Party: Plan to activate NIC over the summer with bands and food trucks, budgeting \$1,000 per event for four events. Michael expressed concern about competition with local restaurants, but DTMS has a preferred vendors list according to Tasha.

Val Orchard VA Pocket Park: Needs more development to turn the green space into an artsy, maintained site with signage. Signs are estimated to cost around \$10,000.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2024, at the Neighborhood Innovation Center (NIC STL) 3207 Meramec 63118 and online at [Dutchtown STL CID Meeting](<https://dutchtownstl.org/cidmeeting>).

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Mel Brockely & Caya Aufiero