



**DUTCHTOWN COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES**

DATE: August 27th, 2024

Attendance:

Directors Present: Caya Aufiero, Mel Brockley, Fadumo Hassan, Michael in person at 6pm
Michael Powers, Ann Smart (via Teams Meet) Dwayne Nelson joined at 5:57

Directors Excused:

Directors Absent:

Guests: Javad Ahmadi (business owner Ahmadi construction), Lagina Taylor (property owner and previous advisory board member), Ghodar Soufi (property owner tire company business and speedy gas on grand); Danielle Fox (kings land court resident), Marty Joe democratic nominee for state, Shawn stokes online who is aldermanic assistant

Call to Order:

Caya Aufiero called the meeting to order at 5:34pm. We have quorum. Introduction of board members to guests. Javad looking for letter of support. Danielle submitted board application. Lagina Taylor interested in advisory board.

Approval of previous board minutes:

ann moved to approve previous board minutes July and was seconded by fadumo. Motion unanimously carried.

Secretary's Report: Ann Smart

1. email from collector of revenue
 - a. Caya Forwarded to bookkeeper the revenue email
2. Annual assessment request Reminder received
 - a. Caya reviewed the annual Assessment Process: In May secretary requests details of the assessed properties and their tax percentages coming to the DTCID. We have to verify the list which we do through the bookkeeping firm. Then we send back certification to the collector of revenue to request that they bill everyone for our extra one percent. We need to vote on the resolution of the request. We also have to send the legal description of the cid location.
 - B. Michael moved to approve the resolution drafted by attorney to send to collector of revenue, seconded by Dwayne. Motion carried unanimously. Caya to send Ann details for docu sign

Treasurer's Report: Caya Aufiero

1. Financial Statements – Treasurer's Report, Balance Sheet, Bank Statement
 - a. Net Operating expenses: \$11,512.38



- b. Total Assets: \$233,551.36
- c. Bank balance of \$215,097.01

New Business:

1. Letter of support at 4460 Virginia Ave requested for Javad's construction company office at the old sign store owned by Legina.
 - a. Has rented 4464 s grand for construction equipment and material storage
 - b. Mel moved to sign letter of support, seconded by Ann, motion passed unanimously
2. Urban eats food day Saturday sept 14, 2024 11am - 5pm
 - a. Public festival by NICstl & UE with Global food vendors, hired \$500 shuttle from read a book to constantinos on meramec st, bring people to the neighborhood, stage for musicians will be at meramec and virginia
 - b. Caya, on John Chen's behalf, askED if the DTCID would sponsor for the event
 - c. Ghodar asked how many vendors have signed up and caya said around 25 confirmed, ghodar said he could get Kurdish musician and will put them in contact with caya, ghodar wants to donate \$250 from tire business
 - d. Michael asked for a budget breakdown, caya says we have a sponsorships category of budget that we have the money in, Ann says that it's a great idea to do a few weeks after festival of nations.
 - e. Ann moves to sponsor food day at silver level (\$500), Michael seconded. Caya abstains. No dissent. Motion passed.
3. Volunteers for DTCID booth at Food Day: volunteers needed - Michael asked to be sent an email for the date
4. Cherise Brooks presentation on app for violence prevention
 - a. <https://Forwomanhood.com>
 - b. Neighborhood is the beta testing area as well as UMSL school
 - c. Partnering with NICSTL & DTCID safety committee

Old Business:

1. Kingsland court entrance repairs
 - a. Check sent to them, Caya requesting a photo of the fixes
2. Moving planters proposal



- a. Michael evaluating location of new planters and moving away from idea that business nearby will take ownership of the planters. He is getting a map and getting the board of public service approval to get insurance and also sending out broad request on website for rfp for landscaping bids. Wants to have it decided on for the fall. Caya noted that artist is in the works of creating the approved metal flowers. One of the Virginia ave planters is blocking an ada entrance, Michael requested that the business submits a receipt for the \$200 for a contractor to move the planter. Caya notes that if we had one location ready, we could have the planter moved there. Michael says this is more urgent to just have them move it. Michael wants to have a conversation about landscaping at a future meeting. Caya asked Jubilee for a quote on weeding the curb cutouts on meramec.
 - b. Ann moved to allocate \$200 for tiny postcards counseling to move their planters from 4700 block of Virginia.Fadumo seconded . Motion passed unanimously.
3. Mural inventory- Michael wants to consider reallocating the greenfield mural funds for different infrastructure type projects like street lights, crosswalks, faded signage, etc. since we already have 4 murals in the neighborhood. Michael questions the economic investment returns on murals.
 - a. Ann doesn't think the moving of the mural to 4700 sign of the times is something we should decide right now. Michael thinks we should invite greenfield to the next cid meeting. Caya wants to pay a mural consultant to talk to us. Michael thinks we need to understand our options first and undestand if there is a ready design
 - b. Caya will send email to Kyle Brandt lubart that no action should be taken at this time because the board wants more time to consider
 4. Caya Has collected quotes about a frames we are giving to businesses
 5. Caya wants CID board members to reach out to grant contacts

Announcements:

1. Afterhours next month at studio bk
2. First Sunday comedy at your place diner 8-10pm, DTCID's Safer Dutchtown coffee at NIC
3. Food day sept 14th
4. Caya mentioned we have candidates for Advisory board and we can discuss other board member candidates after today



5. We are hiring part time safety and security expediter and liaison for safety reports to police and follow-ups as well as part time board admin

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM, Next meeting is September 24, **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 Mel Brockley