

**Soulard Community Improvement District  
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 12, 2026**

Location Molly's  
Call to Order Terry called the meeting to order at 5:03pm  
Adjourn 6:07pm

Commissioners Present Terry Hoffman  
Mary Hart Burton  
Steve Edele  
Nancy Lambert

Commissioners Absent Laura Leister  
Luke Reynolds  
John Durnell

Quorum Yes

Guests in Attendance Matt Risser  
Allyson Whipple  
Bob Prince  
Mary Thbaccki  
Les Fields  
Beth Hoops (communications)

**Secretary's Report**

- Hold on approving November minutes due to lack of quorum

**Treasurer's Report**

- Terry presented the Budget & Income Statement through December 2025
- Year-to-date revenue & carryover: \$2,567,612
- Expenses (operating+ programs): \$304,437
- Net total: \$2,263,175

**Communications Manager Report**

- Soulard Renaissance deadline upcoming on Jan 14. MG signage or TBD for Spring issue.
- All 2026 meetings on City calendar.
- Working on Google Workspace email changeover. New system anticipated to be in place by Feb meeting.

**Reports of Officers, Boards or Committees**

- No report.

**Open and Unfinished Business**

**Trash Program Update:**

- All new single and double cans have been placed, including in CID expansion area. Next step for trash receptacles is to get the CID signage on cans replaced.
- Quote to replace old signage and add new signage presented by Chair Hoffman (approximately \$7550). Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the signage quote. Commissioner Edele seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

- New pole for pet waste stations on display for Board examination and review. Poles are powder coated and more historical looking vs current pole model. Chair Hoffman shared quotes: individual cost of historic pole/finial is \$415 vs \$392 for existing poles. Total cost to replace all pet waste stations with historic poles is \$17,460 (vs the total cost to add only new pet waste stations with existing poles is \$10,200. Board approved purchase of historic posts but deferred to next meeting on which finial.
- Chair Hoffman presented a new possible signage design for the pet waste stations to be reviewed further at next meeting.

#### **Skyscraper Banner Update:**

- Mardi Gras temporary banners were installed last week, featuring SBA winner designs
- Craftsmen provided quote to Chair Hoffman for signage to be added to CID expansion area. Manufacturing cost is \$3,175 per sign. For all additional signs, total cost is \$46,000 + \$400 per site install fee.
- Board discussed ideas for spring / summer designs (generic neighborhood, non-event specific). To be discussed in more detail at next meeting.

#### **Beautification/Street Tree Plan:**

- Break Landscaping did a fall clean up in November, mulching and preparing for new trees.
- Approximately 70 new trees planted by forestry in December. Board currently evaluating what trees have been planted vs what wells are still empty, as well as the health of new trees.
- Chair Hoffman in touch with Forestry about remaining Ash trees in neighborhood marked for removal and what the status is.

#### **Traffic Calming:**

- Chair Hoffman in touch with Streets Dept. Hoping for project movement in Q2.
- Board receiving inquiries from residents about additional speed humps.

#### **Economic Development Study:**

- 22 proposals received.
- Board will schedule a closed meeting to discuss RFPs and selection / interview process.
- Beth to organize all proposals in a Google Drive for Board, to match Commissioner Hart Burton's tracker.

#### **Historic Tour Scripting & Commentary:**

- 3 proposals received.
- Board will schedule a closed meeting to discuss RFPs and selection / interview process.

#### **Pontiac Park**

- Chair Hoffman reached out to Parks Dept about contractors to fix wall.

#### **Shredding/Recycling Event:**

- Midwest Recycling is available to do the event on Saturday, April 11. Option to add other vendors as well. It will take place in the lot behind Edele and Mertz. The CID will cover extra charges (for TVs, CRT monitors, etc.) for anyone who lives within the district. Terry to send information to Beth for her to share across social media, website, and submit to SRG Blaster for District promotion.

#### **Snow Removal:**

- Regency sent updated proposal with \$300 hourly plow rate and \$175 hourly salt rate. December salting cost was approximately \$4400. Chair Hoffman to sign agreement for bill rates and keep Regency on call.

#### **Sidewalk Program**

- Soulard includes 22 miles of sidewalks. Chair Hoffman in touch with Precision Concrete Cutting (recommended by the City) willing to do a complete survey of sidewalk conditions for approximately

\$18,000. Board to shelf discussion until February meeting

**Quarterly Communications Meeting with Jami**

- Last all Soulard orgs meeting held in November. Next meeting TBD.

**New Business**

- Chair Hoffman recommended \$250 gift card to Phyllis ~~Hoffman~~<sup>YOUNG</sup> to thank her for her years of Board service. Board agreed.
- Chair Hoffman re-raised idea of creating a citizen advisory board, based on strong interest in the open Board position. Commissioner Hart Burton noted that many of the Economic Development Study consultants also mentioned citizen boards. To be discussed in more detail at next meeting.

**Comments by Guests in Attendance**

- Bob Prince inquired about neighborhood competitions for skyscraper banner designs

**Adjournment**

- There being no further business. Commissioner Hart Burton moved that the Board adjourn until the next meeting. Commissioner Edele seconded the motion. All board members present were in favor.

Minutes Submitted by Beth Hoops  
Communications Manager, Soulard Community Improvement District



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Minutes Signed by Terry Hoffman (in absence of Secretary Laura Leister)  
Chair, Soulard Community Improvement District