

**Soulard Community Improvement District
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 16, 2026**

Location: Molly's
Call to Order: Terry called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm
Adjourn: 6:21 pm

Commissioners Present: The following commissioners responded to roll call:
Terry Hoffman
John Durnell
Luke Reynolds
Laura Leister
Mary Hart Burton
Nancy Lambert
Steve Edele

Commissioners Absent: N/A

There was a Quorum Yes

Guests in Attendance: April Flores
Bob Printz
Allyson Whipple
Richard Eaton
Matt Risser
Susie Bonwich
Lisa Otke
Beth Hoops, Communications

- **Secretary's Report**
 - Approval of minutes from the Board Meeting on Monday, February 9, 2026.
 - A motion to approve the February minutes was made by Mary and seconded by John. All remaining board members in attendance approved.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Terry presented the Budget & Income Statement through February 2026
 - Year-to-date revenue & carryover: \$2,753,498
 - Expenses (operating + programs): \$419,349
 - Net total: \$2,334,148
 - Total expenses were related to: Beautification (\$111,794), Marketing & Branding (\$21,052), Traffic Calming (\$51,750), Trash, Street & Alley Cleanup Program (\$189,405), and Street Maintenance for Snow and Salt (\$37,713)
 - By the end of March, the CID needs to submit a preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2027. Terry presented the Board with a prediction on what he thinks the revenue, carryover, and expenses will be by the end of the Fiscal Year 2026 so we can have an idea of our financial status for the preliminary budget. The Board agreed it was reasonable for the total estimated net (revenue & carryover less expenses) to be \$275,329 as an 8-month projection.
 - A motion to approve the preliminary 2027 budget was made by Mary and seconded by Nancy. All remaining board members in attendance approved.
- **Communications Manager Report**
 - Beth indicated she would help Luke and Mary get into their emails. The rest of the Board has been able to log in. She will meet with Terry after the meeting to discuss some electronic storage options.

- Beth asked about the specifics of the recycling event for marketing. Terry clarified it will be for non-hazardous items. Due to the additional cost of negative value items, the Board agreed each household should be limited in bringing “two negative value” recycling items (examples: LED/Plasma TVs, printers, items containing freon), and unlimited non-negative value items (examples: paper and cardboard).
 - Beth will advertise on our community social media and website, and will print some posters and yard signs.
- For the next Renaissance article, the CID will showcase the new historic poles and signage for the pet waste stations and receptacles, and the new seasonal banners.
- **Reports of Officers, Boards or Committees**
 - No report.
- **Open and Unfinished Business**
 - Trash/Dog Waste Station Program:
 - Next week all old signage will be removed from the existing trash receptacles and new signage will be installed.
 - All pet waste station historic poles have been delivered.
 - Skyscraper Banners:
 - Five of the eight new permanent have been installed in the expansion area. Three were not installed because cars were in the way.
 - Two historic signs were removed. Both will be given to the SRG for future fundraisers.
 - Ten8 provided the Board with three options for the next round of generic non-seasonal skyscraper banners. First option depicts historical figures from the neighborhood (e.g., Antoine Soulard, Marie Julia Cerre Soulard). Second option depicts architectural details (e.g. tiles, terracotta). Third option depicts “beyond flounder houses” (e.g. ghost signs, double porches). Board reviewed the rough mockups and liked the direction Ten8 was going. We agree they should keep going with ideas to present to the Board.
 - Beautification/Street Tree Plan:
 - Terry met with Allen in Forestry, and he asked us if the CID could prioritize removing 48 tree stumps, have Davey improve the soil, and we’d replant in the fall. Allen indicated it is better to plant smaller trees in the Fall. The Board agreed.
 - Got a bid to spray sweet gum trees -- \$1500 for 5 trees. Board agreed we should move forward with the project because their brown seed pods that fall on the sidewalk are dangerous to pedestrians.
 - Discussed hiring Brake to check on the trees we planted in the fall and clean out the beds.
 - Sydney Triangle:
 - John passed around a proposal for Sydney and 9th Street where the overgrown triangle sits.
 - Proposal included: Removing existing plantings, remove 8” of existing soil, pour 3-4 feet of stamped concrete on the entire perimeter of garden area, pour a concrete footing and raised platform, provide new soil, and install Fleur Dis Les planter container.
 - Board agreed with John’s proposal. CID will first seek permission from the Street’s Department.
 - Traffic Calming:
 - Still have not gotten confirmation when the City’s resurfacing will happen. Can’t move forward without it.
 - We have the 8th Ward capital waiting.
 - Historic Tour Scripting & Commentary:
 - Attorneys should have a contract done this week for John Cline and Bob Printz and they can begin in April.

- Economic Development Study:
 - Finalist interviews were conducted. CID's selection committee is now calling references.
- Pontiac Park:
 - Bid to repair the broken rot iron fence was \$2250. Board agreed to move forward.
 - Still waiting on wall repair bid.
 - John suggested we place an aggregate sidewalk within the park that is now gravel. It would start on 9th and Ann above the entry way steps. Board agreed. Terry will talk to Kim at the Parks Department about the plan and ask about City-approved contractors.
- Public Restroom:
 - No report.
- Shelter Blueprint:
 - Terry heard from Father Bruce who would like us to review the plans for the transitional housing before they are distributed to the neighborhood organizations and prior to starting the plat and petition process.
- Shredding/Recycling Event:
 - Discussed above within the Communications Manager Report.
- Sidewalk Program:
 - We signed a contract with Precision Concrete Cutting to survey all 22 miles of sidewalk that needs to be repaired/replaced within the neighborhood. They started a pilot assessment and will review the data on Monday with any CID Board Members who wish to attend. This will help them determine if they are doing the work we are expecting before they perform the entire scope of the work.
- CMT Bus Stop:
 - CID will remove the trashcan that is not being maintained and will replace it with a CID receptacle. We will also have our porter service empty it.
- Quarterly Communications Meetings with Alderwoman Cox Antwi
 - No update.
- Citizen Advisory Council:
 - Pending startup of economic development work.
- CID/SSBD Joint Director Position:
 - Lisa Otke gave us some job descriptions to review.
- **New Business**
 - None.
- **Comments by Guests in Attendance**
 - Richard mentioned Brightside will be doing a recycling event in the coming weeks if we want to attend it and see how it operates.
- **Adjournment**
 - There being no further business. Nancy moved that the Board adjourn until the next meeting. Laura seconded the motion. All board members present were in favor.
 - April suggested that when we do the gumball spraying next year, we should ask residents if they want to jump on the program.

Minutes Submitted by Laura Leister
Secretary, Soulard Community Improvement District

Terry Hoffmann
Laura Leister

4/13/26
Date:

(IN LARA LEISTER'S
absence