

**Soulard Community Improvement District
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 11, 2023**

Location: Molly's
Call to Order: Terry called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm
Adjourn: 6: pm

Commissioners Present: The following commissioners responded to roll call:
Luke Reynolds
Steve Edele
John Durnell
Terry Hoffman
Laura Leister
Mary Hart Burton (was not present for roll call, but joined at 5:10 pm)

Commissioners Absent: Phyllis Young

There was a Quorum Yes

Guests in Attendance: Beth Hoops, Communications
Lisa Otke, Neighborhood Manager
Mary Lou Bourque, St. Peter and Paul Representative and Resident
Dillon Goodson, Resident

- **Secretary's Report**
 - Approval of minutes from the last Board Meeting on Monday, November 6, 2023.
 - A motion to approve the minutes was made by Steve and seconded by John. All board members in attendance approved.

- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Terry presented the Budget & Income Statement through September 30, 2023.
 - Year-to-date revenue & carryover: \$2,043,955
 - Year-to-date expenses (operating + programs): \$155,429
 - Newest major expense was the cost of the light heads for the parks.
 - Net total: \$1,888,525

- **Communications Manager Report**
 - Beth did not provide a report.

- **Reports of Officers, Boards or Committees**
 - No report.

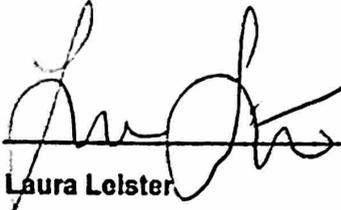
- **Open and Unfinished Business**
 - Trash Program Update:
 - Everything seems to be running smoothly. Receptacles are being emptied daily and bulk pick up has been on time. No complaints or issues noted from residents.
 - We have the "Soulard" logo designed and ready for Clean Krewe uniforms.

- Traffic Calming:
 - Speedhumps Phase 2 bill has been signed into law by Mayor. 60 new humps coming. Likely to be installed in Q2 2024.
 - Crosswalk curb and street painting update: Terry forwarded email to Cara Spencer re: our intent to paint faded crosswalks, add crosswalks as needed, and add no parking zones as needed. BPS told us we need engineering drawings to move forward. Board is going to try to work with BPS on proceeding with this project without BPS requiring engineering drawings.
- Street Tree Plan:
 - Two weeks ago, 90 trees were planted. We anticipate 100 more being planted in the next wave, followed by another 300 trees.
 - Total trees planted by CID:
 - 2022, Q1: 34
 - 2022, Q4: 57
 - 2023, Q4: 90
 - Terry identified approximately 160 trees that should be planted outside of the CID. Will speak to SRG to see if they can pay for those installations.
 - Board needs to plan for tree lawn pruning and maintenance for the future. Terry met with Davey Tree to get a bid the work. Total cost would be \$62,000. After this work is done, we would not need to get the same work done until 3 to 5 years after completion. Board unanimously agrees to proceed with the work quoted.
- Skyscraper Banners:
 - RFP for permanent banner fabricator will be going out after tonight's meeting. Terry distributed RFP to Board members for review.
 - As of the date of this meeting, the Board has identified 63 locations for signage.
 - 6 on Broadway, 17 on 7th Street, 9 on 9th Street, 6 on 12th Street, 1 on Carroll, 2 on Lafayette, 7 on Geyer, 12 on Russell, and 3 on Sydney. More to come.
 - Should have cost estimate by our next Board meeting.
 - Board discussed seasonal banner design options: (1) Put out an RFP for multiple artists, (2) put out an RFP for a single artist, or (3) have a Ten8 design it. Our first wave of seasonal banners is anticipated to be out in March. The Board agreed Ten8 should do the first couple of designs to keep it easy. Later, the Board will involve local artists.
 - Mary Lou (with St. Peter and Paul) is planning to have seasonal banners on 6 poles surrounding the church starting in January. The Board is okay with them using any of our poles for their project.
- Pontiac Park/Soulard Market Park:
 - All lamp heads have been painted. Lamp heads will be delivered to the Streets Department for installation. Terry has requested that the CID can keep the old lamp heads.
 - Nothing new to report on the drinking fountains (2 at Pontiac Park and one at Market Park). Terry reached out to the City to discuss next steps for installation. Waiting to hear back.
- Neighborhood Comprehensive Plan:
 - No major updates since last meeting.
- Expansion of the CID:
 - Terry talked to the CID attorneys. They recommend engaging Lou Hamilton (lobbyist) and speaking to Am-Bev about their position before we consider expanding too far south.
- **New Business**
 - Board discussed where the additional boundaries should be formed.
- **Comments by Guests in Attendance**
 - None

- **Adjournment**

- There being no further business Mary moved that the Board adjourn until the next meeting. Luke seconded the motion. All board members were in favor.

Minutes Submitted by Laura Leister
Secretary, Soulard Community Improvement District



Laura Leister

11/8/2024

Date