

**Soulard Community Improvement District
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 12, 2024**

Location: Molly's
Call to Order: Terry called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm
Adjourn: 6:20 pm

Commissioners Present: The following commissioners responded to roll call:
Terry Hoffman
Phyllis Young
Mary Hart Burton
Luke Reynolds
Laura Leister
John Durnell

Commissioners Absent: Steve Edele

There was a Quorum Yes

Guests in Attendance: Beth Hoops, Communications
Amanda Ramcharan, Resident/SRG President Elect
Nancy Lambert, Resident/CID Expansion
Dominick Del Azodi, Resident
Adriano Martinez, Resident Current SRG President

• **Secretary's Report**

- Approval of minutes from the last Board Meeting on Monday, July 8, 2024.
 - A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mary and seconded by Luke. John abstained as he was not present for the last Board Meeting. All remaining board members in attendance approved.


• **Treasurer's Report**

- Terry presented the Budget & Income Statement through July 2024.
 - Year-to-date revenue & carryover: \$1,826,359
 - July expenses (operating + programs): \$28,128
 - Net total: \$1,798,231
- Expenses primarily related to beautification (\$3,660), trash and alley cleanup (\$11,898), and legal (\$11,971).
- Budget Resolution:
 - Terry reviewed Resolution No. 2025-01 titled, "A Resolution of the Soulard Community Improvement District to Modify Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget," to approve increasing the budgeted line item "Carryover From Prior Year" from \$1,500,000 to \$1,751,975 (an increase of \$251,975) and to increase the budgeted line item "Traffic Calming" from \$750,000 to \$1,001,975 (an increase of \$251,975).
 - The increased amount is the result of ending the year with more available funding than originally planned.
 - A motion approve Resolution No. 2025-01 was made by Luke and seconded by Phyllis. All board members in attendance approved.

- **Communications Manager Report**
 - Beth updated the website with CID expansion information.
 - Beth will update the website with skyscraper/seasonal banner information once Terry provides her with some graphics.
- **Reports of Officers, Boards or Committees**
 - No report.
- **Open and Unfinished Business**
 - Approval of Annual Reports (CID, Clean Streets):
 - A motion to approve Annual Report of the Soulard CID's Fiscal Year 2024 was made by Mary and seconded by Phyllis. All board members in attendance approved. (Report was provided to Board Members via email prior to the meeting for review).
 - Board also reviewed Annual Report of Soulard CID Clean Street Program. (Report was provided to Board Members via email prior to the meeting for review). Board agreed the Annual Report was good to be distributed to participating neighborhood organizations.
 - Trash Program Update:
 - Board discussed ordering additional pet waste stations and trashcans. Plan to place additional trash can on 9th and Lafayette, 9th and Soulard, and by Grateful Pets.
 - Skyscraper Banner Update:
 - A few banners still need to be installed.
 - SBA banners have been removed.
 - Terry working with Lift for Life re: their banners.
 - Beautification/Street Tree Plan:
 - Phyllis and Terry started discussion with City regarding collaborative effort to removal stumps and dead trees throughout the neighborhood so wells will be ready for planting new trees in the spring.
 - Terry reviewed Forestry Department's tree inventory and determined it is wholly inaccurate. Phyllis volunteered to re-inventory the entire neighborhood. After inventory is updated, the City and the CID can discuss a plan moving forward for removal.
 - Terry proposed getting a bid for landscaping around some of the tree wells we planted new trees in. Board agreed.
 - Traffic Calming:
 - CBB will be updating the Board this upcoming Thursday with their preliminary engineering report for re-designing approximately a dozen intersections in the neighborhood.
 - Cara Spencer has extra money and indicated to Terry that she will be allotting the funds to re-pave 12th Street.
 - Watering Fountains:
 - Watering fountains have not been ordered for Pontiac Park yet because Terry is working on getting a sales tax exemption for the purchase.
 - As for the Soulard Market Park fountain, Terry was quoted \$43,000 for installation. Terry will check with Cara and the Parks Department to see if they can kick in funds.
 - Expansion of the CID:
 - Andrea Dallas gave an update. She shared:
 - Two zone parties are coming up to get more signatures.
 - 83 property owners have signed / 30.3% assessed evaluation.
 - Shelter Blueprint:
 - Last meeting, the CID reviewed a "shelter blueprint" to give share with the proposed shelter organizers. The blueprint outlined what the community would like to see from a shelter. CID scheduled a meeting with Rev. Hatcher for Thursday, August 15th at 3pm and invited representatives from SBA and SRG and Cara Spencer to attend for an update of the potential program.

- Neighborhood Comprehensive Plan:
 - No update.
- **New Business**
 - Election of Officers:
 - Mary made a motion to keep the current slate of officer: Chair (Terry), Vice Chair (Luke), Secretary (Laura), Treasurer (Terry). Phyllis seconded the motion. All board members in attendance approved.
 - Historic Tour Scripting and Commentary:
 - Terry discussed putting together a historic tour script with SRG's historical committee. Idea would be to have free standing plaques throughout the neighborhood with interesting historical and architectural information with an app. Inspiration would be the Freedom Trail app in Boston.
 - Board unanimously agrees we should move forward with this idea.
 - Terry will brainstorm with Neil Putz on SRG.
 - Kind Goods Support for Drive-Through:
 - Andrew Lammer, founder/owner of Kind Goods, provided a summary of the company.
 - They are applying for a conditional use permit to operate a drive-thru and is asking for support. Hearing is September 18th. Mr. Lammer provided information about the requirements for a conditional use permit and how he would comply with requirements.
 - Terry made a motion to write a letter in support for the conditional use permit. John seconded. Mary abstained because she is the Zoning Administrator. All remaining board members in attendance approved.
- **Comments by Guests in Attendance**
 - Amanda asked about the availability of the CID's budget to review, whether the upcoming CBB meeting was public, and if the 12th street paving was a final project. Terry indicated the budget would be on the website shortly, that it would probably be premature for the general public to attend the CBB meeting as the report is in its beginning stages (but a public meeting will be organized later when more decisions have been made on the project), and Cara would be a good person for Amanda to talk to re: the paving.
- **Adjournment**
 - There being no further business. Luke moved that the Board adjourn until the next meeting. Mary seconded the motion. All board members present were in favor.

Minutes Submitted by Laura Leister
Secretary, Soulard Community Improvement District



Laura Leister

9/9/24

Date