

**Soulard Community Improvement District
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 13, 2025**

Location: Molly's
Call to Order: Terry called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm
Adjourn: 5:58 pm

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

Commissioners Absent: Mary Hart Burton

There was a Quorum Yes

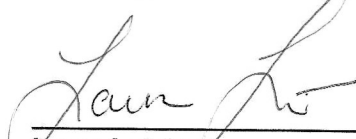
Guests in Attendance: Beth Hoops, Communication
Les Fields, Resident
Steven Spratt, Places for People

- **Secretary's Report**
 - Approval of minutes from the last Board Meeting on Monday, December 9, 2024.
 - A motion to approve the minutes was made by John and seconded by Steve. Luke abstained. All remaining board members in attendance approved.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Terry presented the Budget & Income Statement through December 2024.
 - Year-to-date revenue & carryover: \$2,227,197
 - Expenses (operating + programs): \$362,930
 - Net total: \$1,864,267
 - Total expenses primarily related to legal (\$42,217), beautification (\$15,720), infrastructure (\$13,575), marketing & branding (\$142,073), traffic calming (\$60,850), and trash/street/alley (\$84,592).
 - Three CDs matured last week. We will rollover since no major bills are coming due in the near future.
- **Communications Manager Report**
 - Beth updated FAQ on the CID website with tax and use tax information. She also updated the CID expansion timeline information.
 - Beth will draft an article about the seasonal banners for the Renaissance.
- **Reports of Officers, Boards or Committees**
 - No report.
- **Open and Unfinished Business**
 - Terry went over the 12 next meetings for 2025 starting at 5:00pm: January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, and December 8.
 - Expansion of the CID:
 - The first reading of the expansion ordinance was done in December. It was then promptly referred to the Housing Urban Development (HUD) subcommittee. Notices were sent out by mail and publication in the Daily Record. HUD Board meeting (live and virtual) scheduled for January 21 at 11am in the Kennedy

Room (Rm. 208) at St. Louis City Hall. If approved, it will go on the agenda to the Alderman's next Board meeting for a second reading.

- Skyscraper Banner Update:
 - 70 seasonal banners for Mardi Gras will be up soon. They were supposed to already been installed but the snowstorm has prevented us from meeting our timeline to have them up by 12th Night.
- Trash Program Update:
 - SBA gave a \$5,000 check for the Clean Team.
 - We need to start thinking about the placement of trashcans, banners, and pet waste stations for the expanded area of the CID.
- Beautification/Street Tree Plan:
 - Davey completed tree inventory.
 - Total # of trees: 1,810
 - Total # of Stumps: 54
 - Total # of Vacant Planting Sites: 311
 - Total # Retired Sites: 96
 - Condition:
 - Very Good (2), Good (644), Fair (870), Poor (229), Critical (37), Dead (28)
 - Defects:
 - Tree architecture (353), Dead and dying branches (216), Decay or cavity (102), Broken and/or hanging (87), Trunk condition (66), Root problems (32), Cracks (6), Branch attachment (1)
 - PRT will update the City website to reflect the inventory results
 - Terry has reached out to several landscaping companies for bids to clean out tree wells. So far, only Break Landscaping provided a bid (approximately \$40/hour for 4-5 full time days).
- Traffic Calming:
 - Cara reviewed the detailed design work from CBB but didn't have any questions or comments. 12 and Russell are on the list for getting resurfaced, so she asked us not to move forward until that project is done. Hopefully that will be done in 2nd Quarter. Luke and Terry are going to put in a request for resurfacing for 9th and Lafayette.
 - The City did not like our proposal for a bike lane on Russell because the street is not wide enough.
- Pontiac Park:
 - No report.
- Neighborhood Comprehensive Plan:
 - No report.
- Historic Tour Scripting & Commentary:
 - No report.
- **New Business**
 - Discussed addressing a plan for plowing side roads in the neighborhood in future years.
 - Will need to adjust line item upwards for auditing service.
 - Reviewed redline of our Board of Directors Bylaws. Edits relate to who can qualify as a Board Member.
- **Comments by Guests in Attendance**
 - No comments.
- **Adjournment**
 - There being no further business. Phyllis moved that the Board adjourn until the next meeting. Luke seconded the motion. All board members present were in favor.

Minutes Submitted by Laura Leister
Secretary, Soulard Community Improvement District



Laura Leister

2/10/25
Date: