



Grove CID Board of Directors Meeting
August 8th, 2016: 11:00am
At 4512 Manchester, St. Louis, MO 63110

Board Members in Attendance: Brian Phillips, Pete Rothschild, Kelly Kenter, Fran Fanara, Austin Barzantny, Brian Pratt, Guy Slay, Chip Schloss, Jack Baumstark, Tom Boldt

Board members not in Attendance: Don Bellon

Others in attendance: Matt Green (PCDC), Jim Whyte (CWE NSI), Ron Coleman (SLDC)

1. Call to order

K. Kenter called the meeting to order at 11:00 am

2. Approval of July Minutes

J. Baumstark motioned to approve the July Minutes. B. Phillips seconded the motion. Motion passed 10-0-0.

3. Chair's report

None

4. Public Comments

None

5. Grove Merchant's Association Report

None

6. Committee Reports

a. Finance Committee

B. Phillips reported on the Grove CID finances as of July 31, 2016. B. Phillips walked the Board through the balance statements and profit & loss statements for the various accounts. M. Green presented the Board with updated Sales Tax numbers for July and compared them to 2014 & 2015 collections. He noted that the YTD collections were down around \$2,000 from 2015, but that was most likely attributed to a number of business closings this year. He reported that the Special Assessment rates were recently approved by the Finance Committee and the notification letters would be sent to property owners this week. He also noted that the auditor engagement letter would be signed this week.

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b. Marketing Committee

M. Green talked over some of the initiatives currently being undertaken by the Marketing Committee. He gave the Board a recap powerpoint of the World Naked Bike Ride event, which took place in the Grove on Saturday, July 16th. He said that he hasn't gotten a recap from The Grove Criterium (which took place on Sunday, July 31st), but would share it with the Board by the September meeting. M. Green also reported that GroveFest planning was well under-way, showed the Board the poster design and informed them that the Executive & Finance Committee approved the budget at the August 1st meeting. He also said that the Committee is looking for additional members since it was one person short.

c. Public Service Committee

M. Green provided the Board with some informational updates related to cleaning and landscaping. He said that he is looking into cleaning & maintenance along 4200 Arco, since a lot of people are parking on that block. He informed the Board that Westline recently filled in the two planters that had plants stolen at Talmage & Manchester. He also told the Board that there would need to be a tree inventory in the next few months so that the City or CID could replace dead trees and reinstall new ones in the Fall.

d. Safety and Security Committ

J. Whyte presented information related to safety & security initiatives in the Grove and FPSE. He talked about recent shootings on 4200 Chouteau and 4300 Gibson. He reiterated that since the incident was so recent, there weren't a lot of confirmed details to share with the Board, but he would share more when he gets it. He went over FPSE crime statistics and said that it was important to keep an eye on person-to-person crimes and try and is trying to drive that number down. He said that he recently had a meeting with Captain Deeba of the 2nd District, who recently got permission for a two-person detail in the Grove, on Thursday-Sunday night, from midnight-4am. Captain Deeba is having trouble filling that job slot though, due to fatigue and officers working other secondary jobs. The Board discussed the need to better communicate with TCF and the NSI when there are a number of large events taking place in the neighborhood. C. Schloss suggested that J. Whyte look at the Grove calendar page on the website, which is comprehensive and up-to-date. J. Whyte talked over TCF's crime report and B. Phillips asked that J. Whyte give an overview of initiatives undertaken in the CWE regarding panhandling, since TCF noted it is a growing problem in the Grove. R. Coleman informed the Board that he had a witness see the "Free the Herb" graffitist and gave a description. He asked that people keep an eye out for someone matching the description. M. Green informed the Board that the new lighting in the Grove should be installed this week.

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e. Nominations Committee

M. Green informed the Board that the Committee is going to be reviewing all of the Committees in the next few months, looking at membership make-up, obligations, term limits etc. The Committee would like to appoint J. Baumstark as Chair of the Safety & Security Committee and noted that the Committee had been lacking a second Board member since Carlos Carter vacated the position. Additionally, the Safety & Security Committee had always been chaired by a Board member and the Nominations Committee expressed the desire to return to that.

T. Boldt made a motion to appoint J. Baumstark as Chair of the Safety & Security Committee. F. Fanara seconded the motion. Motion passed 9-0-1 (J. Baumstark abstained).

f. Parking Committee

M. Green updated the Board on a number of parking related initiatives and issues in the Grove, including the recent conversion of the Treasurer's lot to a pay lot. The Board discussed parking on the 4200 block of Manchester and the 4200 block of Arco. M. Green updated the Board on the ongoing discussions with the Enterprise Car Share program. He informed the Board that Urban Breath requested a bike rack and he believes that the location warrants its installation. Finally, M. Green informed the Board that a number of businesses have been requesting 15 minute parking for people doing pick-up and M. Green has been talking with South Grand about the process they followed to get spaces allocated in their district.

7. Administrator's Report

M. Green informed the Board that he will be updating a number of administrative processes related to reporting with and among the Board and Committees. He showed the Board the new format he created and will follow for Board meeting packets and asked the Board if they would like to see anything else. T. Boldt said that he would like to see the Safety & Security Committee report earlier in the meeting. The Board said that they would like to get notification, agendas & minutes from Committees when they meet. M. Green said he would ensure all of that is done.

8. Other

Meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm.

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