



Grove CID Board of Directors Meeting
March 14th, 2016: 11:00am
At 4512 Manchester, St. Louis, MO 63110

Board Members in Attendance: Kelly Kenter, Jack Baumstark, Fran Fanara, Tom Boldt, , Brian Phillips, Chip Schloss, Brian Pratt, Pete Rothschild, Don Bellon

Board members not in Attendance: Guy Slay, Austin Barzantny

Others in attendance: Matt Green (PCDC), Alexandra Durdello (SLDC), Charles Betts (TCF), Catherine Hazelwonder (PCDC), Bridgette Fyvie (PCDC)

1. Call to order

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

2. Approval of February Minutes

F. Fanara motioned to approve the February Minutes. T. Boldt seconded the motion. Motion passed 9-0-0.

3. Chair's report

None

4. Public Comments

None

5. Grove Merchant's Association Report

None

6. Committee Reports

a. Finance Committee

M. Green reported on the Grove CID finances as of February 29, 2016. K. Kenter asked about the cost of the Directors & Officers Insurance. M. Green informed him that it was purchased for multiple years and needs to be divided out in the statements (for accrual purposes). K. Kenter asked about reserve funds in the IndiHop bank account. M. Green said that those belong to the Grove & there hasn't been a formal, written agreement regarding any of those funds going to Cherokee Street. He does think, however, that there may have been some verbal agreements about Cherokee Street receiving some funds. He will double check with those who worked on the first two IndiHop events, which he didn't have a part of.

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b. Marketing Committee

M. Green informed the Board about the upcoming calendar of events for the Grove. He informed the Board that the IndiHop budget was recently approved by the Executive & Finance Committee and that ticket sales were very strong. He said that the RFT Music Showcase planning is coming along and that there is new leadership with the magazine and they will be managing the event. He mentioned that the website is close to being finished and it would be ready prior to the next Board meeting. The Committee is designing stickers to help promote the website and social media handles as well.

c. Public Service Committee

M. Green informed the Board that the CID has engaged in a contract with Arbolope Studio, a landscape architecture firm located at Boyle and Norfolk, to do a landscaping plan for the planter beds throughout the district. He and K. Kenter will be meeting with the staff at the company and will bring them a final product when it is selected. The goal is to have the plans ready for installation in the Grove in the Spring.

d. Safety and Security Committee

C. Hazelwonder provided the Board with an overview of crime statistics for the period ending February 29, 2016. R. Betts gave an overview of the last five years of incidents in the entire FPSE neighborhood. He stressed that overall crime has dramatically decreased over the years and we should keep doing what we are doing. R. Betts then talked about recent incidents in the Grove. He mentioned that there has been a lot of traffic on "off-nights" (Mondays-Wednesdays) in the Grove, specifically related to concerts at the Ready Room. He said that we need to have better communication on when concerts are taking place. M. Green said that the new website would have comprehensive events listed, so we should be able to coordinate with that.

P. Rothschild asked about recent fights outside Attitudes. R. Betts said that he has been talking with officers who have been involved in those incidents and was informed that bartenders were overserving patrons and allowing those under 21 years old to exit the bar and return. He was told that people were going to their cars to drink alcohol and would return very intoxicated. He also said that bouncers were pushing fights out the front door, which isn't helpful.

K. Kenter mentioned that the Board needs to start thinking about how they would respond to a business like The Social House wanting to come to the Grove. The Board said they wouldn't be very supportive of that business.

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C. Schloss mentioned that there has been a lot of graffiti inside and outside his establishment lately. He asked C. Betts if his door staff was able to pat-down people to see if they had markers or paint pens? C. Betts said that was probably considered excessive and they wouldn't have the right to do that. C. Betts did say that signage on the outside of the business stating that there was a "zero-tolerance" policy for graffiti would be OK.

e. Nominations committee

No update

f. Parking committee

M. Green said that he would have comprehensive parking lot numbers for the Board next month.

7. Administrator's Report

M. Green showed the Board pictures and video from Engraphix, the fabricators/installers of the new light art project for the Grove. The Board was concerned with the access boxes that will be installed on the poles. M. Green said that there isn't much we can do about it for the first pole location, but would pass along the concerns for future locations.

8. Other

D. Bellon asked the Board about receiving a letter about exploring a CID expansion. K. Kenter said that the Executive & Finance Committee had engaged in a contract to have Park Central explore the feasibility and interest of expanding the CID onto Vandeventer & parts of Tower Grove. K. Kenter said that D. Bellon received a letter since he owns property on Vandeventer. He said that M. Green would give an overview of the project and feedback that he's received.

D. Bellon asked for an update on the Commerce Bank site. F. Fanara said that Commerce has closed on the sale of the property. B. Pratt confirmed that and mentioned that they have a new joint venture partner and are hoping to break ground on the building in the summer.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

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