



Grove CID Safety & Security Committee Meeting Minutes
February 6th, 2018: 12:30am
at 4512 Manchester Ave, Suite 100, St. Louis, MO 63110

Committee members in attendance: Jack Baumstark, Samantha Royston, Tom Boldt, Don Bellon, Joe Wicks, Bob Puricelli, Pete Rothschild (Grove CID Board Member)

Others in attendance: Andy Fair (Urban Chestnut Brewery Co.), Matthew Green (Park Central), Jim Whyte, Neighborhood Security Initiative(NSI), Charles Betts, The City's Finest (TCF), Ron Coleman (City of St. Louis), Abdul Abdulla (Park Central), Sarah Wickenhauser, Neighborhood Security Initiative(NSI)

1. J. Baumstark called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes for January 16, 2018:**
T. Boldt moved to approve January 16, 2018 minutes. D. Bellon seconded the motion. Passed 6-0-0.

3. **Finance**

M. Green went over the finances for the Safety & Security Committee (SSC) through January 31st, 2018. You currently have \$19,000 in reserves which can be used, at your discretion, once your current budget has been exhausted. It must be approved by the executive finance committee. M. Green stated that currently 56% of the budget is dedicated to safety and security.

J. Wick asked about having revenue projections so that the committee can determine how much surplus is available because of new businesses coming into the Grove Community Improvement District (CID). As well as being able to make recommendations to the executive committee of how much additional funds is needed for safety and security. T. Boldt stated that 50% of the revenue budget is dedicated to safety and security and that when revenue increases so does the share to safety and security.

M. Green explained that when there is an increase in revenues after the budget has been set, the surplus goes into the Grove CID reserves. The SSC would like to know, how much of revenue increase is because of new businesses coming into the CID. A. Abdullah suggested that once six months of actual revenues has come in, those numbers can be used to project revenue for next six months.

M. Green explained that the Executive Board can vote to increase the percentage to be committed to the safety and security budget at any time. Currently it is at about 47% but

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with the \$65,000 donation from Washington University, it has brought it up to about 56% of the budget.

4. **Crime Report**

J. Whyte realized that he did not get the communication of the incident at ShiSha to everyone in a timely manner. NSI has a spreadsheet with the Grove CID members, Grove safety and security committee and the executive board. J. Baumstark thinks the list should include more people. J. Baumstark has asked M. Green to send a list of all people he feels should receive urgent information. J. Whyte and his staff will communicate any critical incident after it's been confirmed with St. Louis Police Department to the list of people.

J. Whyte reported that the Police Department has identified one of the suspects from the ShiSha incident and he will be turning himself in with a lawyer.

P. Rothschild mentioned that weeks before the recent incident that it was declared that ShiSha is in default and that the SSC needs to go forward with a petition to revoke their liquor license and to end lease agreement. The SSC agreed to go forth with the petition to revoke the liquor license no matter how long the process takes. R. Coleman stated that someone will need to go the Excise Commission and pick up a petition packet. J. Baumstark asked that M. Green go and pick up the petition to get the process started.

C. Betts stated that at the end of January 2018, The City's Finest has a surplus of \$4,000 of their budget. He is going to use this surplus to add officers on Sunday nights after 11:00 p.m. as well as increase officers on Friday and Saturday nights. The added force started the first weekend in February. He will also have the jeep (when it's available) parked on the streets as a visual.

J. Baumstark requested that C. Betts give the SSC a report on Sunday activities that has happened in February.

C. Betts explained that because of the increase in hours, he will try to stay within the TCF's budget.

C. Betts stated officers have been visiting and communicating with residents and businesses in the area, however, with the weather being cold there has not been a lot of interaction.

J. Baumstark is hoping to get a used white Tahoe that will be able to sit and drive along Manchester to help deter crime.

5. **Good Neighbor Agreement**

M. Green stated that we have collected about 20-25% signed good neighbor agreements. We will continue to make calls to get signed agreements.

6. **Lighting**

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M. Green informed the SSC that there are two bids for 133 lights that are going to be updated throughout the district. There will be a recommendation made at the Grove CID Executive Committee meeting on Monday. This recommendation will be passed on the Grove CID Board of Directors for their vote to accept the firm.

7. Camera Project

J. Whyte updated that NSI lawyers has looked at the camera contract and has recommended some changes and it is now at Washington University to review.

8. Other

M. Green stated that Andrew Fair of Urban Chestnut Brewery Co has been attending meetings to see if wanted to join the committee. Andrew stated that he would like to be on the committee. M. Green asked for a motion to accept Andrew Fair. T. Boldt motioned and J. Baumstark seconded the motion. All was in favor of accepting Andrew Fair.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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