

MINUTES of the MEETING of the
CWE SOUTH SPECIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 20, 2020
VIA ZOOM

1. Call to Order: Mr. McElwain called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.
Commissioners Present: John McElwain; Pete Rothschild; Todd Mandel; Bruce Maize; Wendy Timm
Commissioner Nominee Present: Kathy Davis
Commissioners Absent: None.
Commissioners Excused: None.
Others Present: Jim Whyte, CWENSI; Ron Coleman, City of St. Louis; Susan Anderson, District Manager.
2. Public Comments & Questions (5-minute limit per speaker): None.
3. Neighborhood Improvement Specialist, Ron Coleman:
 - a. 4907 West Pine: This five-story apartment building has a basement entrance at 100 N. Euclid, currently an Air B & B. Recent late-night parties have been reported and shots fired. Mr. Coleman is working to have this property named a nuisance.
 - b. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, payment for and collection from parking meters was suspended, but will restart June 1.
4. Projects
 - a. Public Safety, CWE Neighborhood Security Initiative Report (10 minutes), Jim Whyte
 - i. While total crime is down 27%, crimes against persons is up 50% and property crime is down 33%.
 - ii. "Gateway Strike Force:" This a new joint effort by federal, state, and local law enforcement to address gang drug dealing, murders, and overdoses. Effort includes \$600,000 in funding.
 - iii. A TCF officer made an arrest for tampering (of a vehicle) May 17 at 10:20 p.m. Video recorded the incident.
 - b. Marketing/Promotion: Website (5 minutes), Susan Anderson: Ms. Anderson said she continues to update and make additions to the website.
 - c. Public Area Maintenance (5 minutes): The maintenance company is working well, with none of the usual complaints about weeds or accumulation of debris at the curb. Ms. Anderson said that the wrought-iron news box enclosure on the southwest corner of Taylor and Laclede has been hit by a vehicle. Damage is extensive and not repairable. The maintenance company has bid \$120 to remove the enclosure and fill any voids in the sidewalk. Ms. Timm made a motion to approve the bid; Mr. Maize seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
 - d. Infrastructure: Trash Containers (10 minutes): Ms. Anderson presented a map showing proposed locations of up to ten new trash containers. Total cost for this is projected to be \$6,240. Ms. Timm made a motion to approve the locations and cost of the new trash cans. Mr. Maize seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
5. Administration
 - a. Approval of Minutes, January 15, 2020 (5 minutes), Susan Anderson: Ms. Anderson reminded the board that the March meeting was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Mr. Mandel made a

motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Rothschild seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

b. Treasurer's Report

i. Approval of Treasurer's Report, April 30, 2020 (5 minutes), Susan Anderson: The total balance of the two accounts is \$122,000, with all the expenditures as projected. A request to the Comptroller's Office for just over \$100,000 is about to be submitted. Ms. Timm made a motion to approve the report as submitted. Mr. Maize seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

ii. Certificate of Deposit: Ms. Anderson presented a comparison of Certificate of Deposits (CD) offered at six banks. Ms. Timm said that she is on the Board of Enterprise Bank and said she would see if she could get a better quote. Mr. Mandel made a motion to approve a deposit of \$50,000 in a CD at BMO Harris or Enterprise Bank, should the interest rate be larger. Mr. Maize seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

c. Renewal of SBD Ordinance (10 minutes), Susan Anderson: Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, all scheduled public meetings were canceled. It appears that the virus may be around for a while, making public meetings impractical. Such a challenge makes getting the works out about renewing the SBD ordinance impossible. Mr. Maize made a motion to table the renewal effort until public meetings are safe. Ms. Timm seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

d. District Manager, Transition: Ms. Anderson said she had spoken to Joel Glasscock, a former colleague at Park Central. Currently employed in Belleville, IL, he is familiar with the Central West End and with special business district operations. Taking on the CWE South would be dependent upon him accepting another part-time position.

Whether an employee or if a management company is desired, ads will have to be placed.

e. Election of Officers: President, Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. McElwain made a motion nominating Bruce Maize as President and Todd Mandel as Treasurer. This would leave the office of Secretary vacant for the time being. Ms. Timm seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

6. New Business: None.

7. Adjournment: There being no further business, Mr. Rothschild made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mandel seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Anderson
District Manager