

MINUTES of the MEETING of the
CWE SOUTH SPECIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 15, 2020
VIA ZOOM

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Maize called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.
Commissioners Present: Bruce Maize; Wendy Timm; Pete Rothschild; John McElwain
Commissioners Absent: Todd Mandel
Commissioners Excused: NA
Commissioner Nominee Present: Katharyn Davis
Others Present: Jim Whyte, CWENSI; Rob Betts, TCF; Susan Anderson, District Manager.
2. **Public Comments & Questions** (5-minute limit per speaker): NA
3. **Neighborhood Improvement Specialist**, Ron Coleman:
 - A. Mr. Coleman advised the Board that South Court (west of Park East Tower, 4909 Laclede) will soon be paved and, due to the highly visible crossing, that repaving of the Lindell/Kingshighway intersection is under consideration.
 - B. Demolition of 4545 Laclede was initially scheduled for July 1 but has been delayed by the Covic-19 pandemic. Along with that demolition is clearing the parking lot at 4551-53 Laclede and harvesting five “lollipop” pedestrian streetlights which can be used to correct several unlit pedestrian streetlights along Euclid.
 - C. Ameren has committed to repaving the alley between 49XX Lindell and West Pine.
4. **Projects**
 - A. **Public Safety**, CWE Neighborhood Security Initiative Report (10 minutes), Jim Whyte
 - i. Crime Statistics: Robberies have increased significantly, with crimes against persons increased by 140%. Although larcenies increased by 9.6%, burglaries were down 60%. Overall crime is up 13.24% when compared to the same time period as 2019.
 - ii. Arrest: A suspect stole keys from the pocket of a victim June 16 but was arrested the next day by TCF.
 - iii. Proposed Ordinance 95: Mr. White said this ordinance is regarding City-owned cameras and is expected to be voted on by the Board of Aldermen July 17. The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the civil rights. The ordinance will create a Civil Rights Enforcement Agency (CREA) which will implement rules and regulations on use of “surveillance technology. Entities must submit a use plan to (1) CREA, (2) Board of Aldermen, and (3) Public Safety Committee. The use plan must be available to the public. An annual report is required, followed by public hearings.
There was significant concern that this ordinance was introduced July 10th with a second reading July 14th and final vote July 17th. Such a quick turn-around did not allow the public to be informed or to give input. The Board asked Mr. Whyte to speak directly to Alderman Roddy about this ordinance. Ms. Davis reminded everyone that the cameras record what occurs within the public right of way, including police officers. Ms. Anderson noted that the CWENSI camera system was reviewed and approved by the ACLU prior to installation.
 - B. **Marketing/Promotion:** No update.
 - C. **Public Area Maintenance** (5 minutes): Cleaning company reports on several positive comments from the pedestrians and residents, especially in front of 4427-4471 Forest Park (St. Louis Housing Authority residential facility).

- D. **Infrastructure** (10 minutes):
- i. Trash Containers: The permit application has been submitted.
 - ii. News Box Enclosure, 4944-54 Lindell (St. Regis Apartments): The enclosure is badly deteriorated and is not repairable. Ms. Anderson said that removal of the news box enclosure at 1 S. Taylor (at Laclede) was \$120. Mr. McElwain made a motion to approve removal of the enclosure at the same cost. Ms. Timm seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
5. **Administration**
- A. **Approval of Minutes**, May 20, 2020 (5 minutes), Susan Anderson: Ms. Timm made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. McElwain seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.
- B. **Treasurer's Report**
- i. Approval of Treasurer's Report, June 30, 2020 (5 minutes), Susan Anderson: Ms. Anderson presented the report on the May-June activity, stating that all expenditures were as expected. A problem with QuickBooks did not allow for a report on the account balance, so Ms. Anderson included a copy of the June 2020 bank statements for Board review.
 - ii. Certificate of Deposit: Ms. Anderson said that the paperwork is ready. The deposit will be made shortly.
 - iii. Credit Card: The encroachment permit for the trash containers has been submitted. The District does not have a credit card and Ms. Anderson said that she has historically purchased items for the District using her personal credit card. She presented a comparison of four credit cards for the Board's review. After discussion, Mr. McElwain made a motion to table selection of a credit card until a new District Manager is hired. Ms. Timm seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- C. **District Manager, Transition**: Ms. Anderson presented a job description which she proposed to abbreviate for publication. One ad must be in print. Others may be on-line, such as Indeed and Linked-In. Options are a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Management Organization or Contractor or an ad for an employee. Mr. McElwain made a motion to approve ads for all options. Mr. Maize seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
5. **New Business**: NA
6. **Adjournment**: There being no further business, Ms. McElwain made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Timm seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Anderson
District Manager

Upcoming Meetings: Third Wednesday of Odd Dated Months,
12 noon at Schlafly Library, 225 N. Euclid (at Lindell Blvd.) or via Zoom

2020: November 18

2021: January 29, March 17, May 19,
July 21, September 15, November 17