



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

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

Board members not in Attendance: Kelly Kenter, Austin Barzantny, Guy Slay

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

1. Call to order

J. Baumstark called the meeting to order at 11:00 am

2. Approval of March Minutes

T. Boldt motioned to approve the March Minutes. F. Fanara seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0-0.

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 March 31, 2016. P. Rothschild inquired as to why the sales tax numbers were lower than last year? M. Green said that a number of businesses had closed down in the past six months, so sales collections were actually quite strong considering those closures. He said that he anticipates more collections as the new retail spaces in the Grove become filled with tenants.

b. Marketing Committee

M. Green walked the Board through the new website, highlighting the events page and the simplified look. He also passed out stickers to Board members, which were

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designed and created by the Marketing Committee to help promote the website. M. Green gave a brief update on special events, including IndiHop and the RFT Music Showcase.

c. Public Service Committee

M. Green showed the Board the preferred landscape design work that was created by Arbolope Studio. The Board had some general questions about the cost of the project and the plants' ability to survive/thrive in the small planter wells. B. Phillips asked about getting railings around the planter beds, to help protect people from trampling on the flowers. M. Green said that Arbolope said that the majority of the wells are way too small and close to the intersections to be feasible. They did, however, say that at the entry markers it would be feasible. M. Green said that Arbolope would be coming up with detailed engineering and cost estimates for each planter well and he would present it to the Public Services Committee if necessary. The goal is to have the plans ready for installation in the Grove in late May/early June.

d. Safety and Security Committee

C. Hazelwonder provided the Board with an overview of crime statistics for the period ending March 31, 2016. R. Betts gave an overview of some recent incidents, including some bar fights and parking tickets that his officers had been writing. D. Bellon gave an update on the new lighting in alleys and streets throughout the Grove. He said that he and M. Green had met with Ameren officials and were waiting for engineering drawings for each light.

e. Nominations committee

No update

f. Parking committee

M. Green gave the Board updated numbers on the Archway Parking lot and said that the lot continues to perform well and serve as an essential part of the district's parking plan.

7. Administrator's Report

M. Green gave an overview of Park Central's research and outreach with property owners and City of St. Louis officials about establishing/expanding the Grove CID along portions of Vandeventer & Tower Grove. The Board was supportive of the work done so far and appreciated an updated. They offered continued guidance and support as M. Green and other Park Central staff continue meeting with property owners.

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8. Other

B. Goedeker thanked K. Hazelwonder for her work as a practicum student at Park Central and the integral role she played in providing clear and concise security reports to the Board. The Board thanked her for all her hard work.

B Goedeker thanked those on the Board who had donated or bought tickets to Park Central's upcoming Gala.

B. Goedeker informed the Board that he had meeting with St. Louis Science Center and was informed that a number of developers are interested in doing a development at the Science Corner site. He said that he would continue to update the Board as he learns more about their intentions.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

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