## EAST LOOP COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

# Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, October 17th, 2024, AT 10 AM

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the East Loop Community Improvement District (the "District") is scheduled on Thursday, October 17th, 2024, at 10 AM, at the Moonrise Hotel, 6177 Delmar Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63112 and via Zoom Video/Teleconference, City of St. Louis, State of Missouri

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## 1. OPENING

- **A.** Joe Edwards called meeting to order at 10:03.
- B. Directors in Attendance were Reggie Scott, JoAnna Schooler, Joe Edwards, Qui Tran, and John Langa
- C. Others in Attendance were Samantha Smugala, Executive Director, Jim Whyte of NSI, Mark Murray of Armstrong and Teasdale LLP, Pat Hagan, Suzanne Schoomer, and John Grizzell

# 2. OLD BUSINESS

- A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT'S QUARTERLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2024.
  - JoAnna Schooler made a motion to approve with above change. John Langa seconds. All in favor. Motions passes.
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS COMMENTS BY ANYONE OTHER THAN BOARD MEMBERS ARE WELCOME AT THIS TIME.

## 4. NEW BUSINESS

# A. SECURITY UPDATE

- Presentation from Jim Whyte, NSI
- New crime mapping from SLPD https://slmpd.org/mapping/
- Utilitra Trailers NSI is looking to purchase camera trailers to make available to taxing districts
- Crime trending down 33% total from last year
- Alta USA partners with businesses for services in the criminal courts. NSI continuing to explore this relationship.

#### B. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Vote to reinstate current Board Positions whose Terms have expired
  - Qui Tran made a motion to reinstate John Langa, Reggie Scott, and Joe Edwards, as Board Members for four years. Reggie Scott seconds. All others in favor. Motions passes.
- Nomination of Board Chair
  - Vote to approve Nomination of Board Chair
  - Joe Edwards made a motion to nominate John Langa as Board Chair. Reggie Scott seconds. John Langa abstains from vote. All others in favor. Motions passes.

## C. STREETSCAPE REVIEW COMMITTEE

- Review of Project and Next Steps
  - Streetscape project to improve pedestrian right-of-way in the 5800-5900 blocks of Delmar
  - Committee has reviewed the two proposals submitted:
    - LJC with Lochmueller
    - ABNA with Arbolope Studio
  - Both candidates are qualified and have submitted proposals showcasing qualifications and experience.
  - Timeline once project starts is about a year to get us to a point to secure additional funding for the implementation.
  - Both have similar costs associated nearing \$425,000-\$500,000 to take us through Design Development.
  - What we are hoping to accomplish is to determine appropriate scope and related
    cost for implementation, negotiate to a point in the phasing where we can stop
    and secure additional funding to complete the rest. We don't need to get through
    Design Development to understand cost and secure the implementation
    funding.
  - Next steps are that Samantha Smugala is going to meet with City representatives to assure the City is supportive of the project. After that point, we will schedule interviews with the firms.

# D. BOARD OF ALDERMEN SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TAXING DISTRICTS

- Samantha Smugala Reviews Memo on the Board of Alderman Special Committee on Taxing Districts
- City is looking for transparency and accountability from its taxing districts.
- The East Loop CID is in full compliance with the State and City requirements.
- Will continue to monitor and partake in discussions with the Board of Aldermen about this.

#### E. APPROVAL OF FY23-24 END OF YEAR FINANCIALS

• Reggie Scott made a motion to approve with above Annual Report. JoAnna Schooler seconds. All in favor. Motions passes.

# F. BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025

Samantha asks that the board review the calendar and let her know if they have any
conflicts.

# G. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- New Businesses openings
  - Soul 2 Soul Kitchen
  - House of Jollof
  - Galaxy Nails Sold to new owners
  - Smoke Shop in previously black Beauty Supply
  - Goodcents Subs
  - Tenant interest in 5901 Delmar Gotham Annex Building
  - Tenant interest in AAA Fish House
- Small Business Grants
  - Introduced three new grants and we have shifted to rotating grants to leaving the grants open all year long – first come first serve until the money is granted. Currently, we have 6 open grants for businesses: Photography, Advertising, and Website Hosting / Mailchimp subscription, security cameras, window storefronts, and marketing mailers.
- Events
  - Back to School haircuts
  - Parking Day
  - Design Week/Mural
  - Dia de los Muertos
  - Holidays
  - Ice Carnival

# 5. ADJOURNMENT

A. A motion was made by John Langa and seconded by JoAnna Schooler to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved with the following board members voting in favor: Joe Edwards, JoAnna Schooler, Reggie Scott, John Langa, Qui Tran, 5-0.

Representatives of the news media may obtain copies of this notice by contacting: Samantha Smugala c/o The Delmar Loop, 6150 Delmar, Suite 210, St. Louis, MO 63112, (314) 379-3370. Persons with disabilities wishing to attend can contact Samantha Smugala at (314) 379-3370 or through Relay Missouri at (800) 735-2966 (TTY/ASCII) or (800) 735-2466 (Voice), or by mail at 6150 Delmar, Suite 210, St. Louis, Missouri 63112, prior to the meeting if accommodations need to be made.

Secretary of the East Loop Community Improvement
District