

Minutes
September 27, 2016

A meeting of the St. Joseph Downtown Community Improvement District board of directors was held on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 from 8:38 am until 9:52 am in the Allied Arts Council conference room, 128 S. 8th St. Directors present were: Teresa Fankhauser, Ron Barbosa, Bobbi Jo Hughes, Royce Balak, Lee Sawyer, John Spencer and Rhabecca Boerkircher. Also present was Tyler Deatherage. Directors absent were: Pat Dillon.

Presentation of Plaques: Tyler Deatherage, the manager of the downtown Taco Bell Restaurant accepted a plaque from the board to recognize the restaurant's investment in downtown. The location recently underwent a complete façade renovation. Bill Guenther, owner of Artscraft Engraving was unable to make it to the meeting so Rhabecca will deliver the plaque to their business. Artscraft Engraving has been in business downtown for over sixty-six years.

Call to Order: Chairman, John Spencer called the meeting to order at 8:38 am.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Teresa Fankhauser made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as written. Lee Sawyer seconded the motion and the board voted in favor (6-0).

Financial Report: The board discussed the finances of the organization. Royce Balak asked for an update on the grant that was approved for the Missouri Theater. Teresa Fankhauser explained that the grant was contingent on the group securing matching funds. She said that there should be a large sum of money coming in this month and then they can pay out the grant. Royce Balak stated that Rick Gilmore is still waiting on his certificate of occupancy which was a requirement for him to receive his grant. Royce Balak suggested that the group might want to consider the grant program to be maxed out until property taxes come in at the end of the year. After the discussion by the board, Teresa Fankhauser made a motion to approve the financial report. Ron Barbosa seconded the motion and the board voted in favor (6-0).

Downtown Partnership Funding Partners Meeting: John Spencer told the board about a meeting of the Downtown Partnership Funding Partners that was held on September 7th. He said that the meeting consisted of the various funding partners talking about what they need from the organization. They are scheduling another meeting to continue the dialogue. He stated that Brian Myers was there and that it may be an opportunity to get the Downtown Association and First Saturday's to come together.

Felix Street Square Design: Royce Balak said that they plan on having one more conversation with the Downtown Association about the funding for the concessions building. As far as improvements to the Coleman Hawkins Park at Felix Street Square John Spencer stated that they are looking into funding options. He said that they are talking to the city about the possibility of paying for the improvements from the hotel/motel tax money. They would like to get the gates done as soon as possible as a first phase of the project. Money to pay for the gates could be a loan from the hotel/motel tax fund and paid back with revenues from the hotel/motel tax that the Radisson generates since that funding is for downtown improvements and the other is for riverfront development. He also said that they may ask for a financial commitment from the CID.

CID Expansion: There was no discussion on this agenda item at the meeting.

Mosaic Update: Pat Dillon was not in attendance at the meeting so there was no update on the Mosaic Project.

Other Business:

Food Kitchen: Royce Balak gave the board an update about the Open Door Food Kitchen proposal. The committee continues to gather more information. The appraisal on the property should be complete by the end of the month. More information on the proposal should be available soon.

Adjourn: Royce Balak made a motion to adjourn at 9:52 am. Ron Barbosa seconded the motion and the board voted in favor (6-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Rhabecca Boerkircher
Executive Director