



A meeting of the St. Joseph Downtown Community Improvement District board of directors was held on **Thursday, January 28, 2021** from 9:26 am to 10:15 am at 111 S. 7th Street or via Zoom. The following minutes were created by Christy George, Downtown Liaison.

Call to Order: Chairman, Ron Barbosa called the meeting to order at 9:26 am.

Roll call: The CID meeting was held at 111 South 7th Street or via Zoom. Ron Barbosa, Pat Dillon and Teresa Fankhauser were present, Joe Houts and Brett Carolus participated via zoom. Absent: Bobbie Jo Hausman and John Spencer. Guests: Jerry Reeves, Ron Auxier and Nic Hutchison were present, Tama Wagner and Kim Schutte attended via Zoom.

*****Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Teresa made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as written, Joe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report; given by Joe Houts: Joe gave a review of the financial reports and a copy of these reports will be kept on file in accordance with the retention requirements. Joe suggested the executive committee meet and work on a budget for next year.

*****Motion made by Teresa to approve the financial report, and claims. Motion seconded by Pat; motion approved unanimously.**

Grant Request – First Presbyterian Church of St. Joseph: Christy contacted the Building Use Taskforce members and request that all parties included in the study present at the January CID meeting. Jerry Reeves, Tama Wagner, Kim Schutte and Ron Auxier attended the meeting to discuss the grant request for a \$10,000 feasibility study to determine best use of the First Presbyterian churches educational annex. Jerry Reeves presented to the board a brief overview of the request. Kim Schutte believes this study can and should be applied to other large buildings downtown. Tama Wagner said that developing a plan for the redevelopment of downtown is critical to the community. Ron Auxier believes this study could be reused and utilized in the future as steps to decide what can be done with similar buildings downtown. For example, boutique office space, elderly housing or storage space. Teresa Fankhauser asked if the study would show what the market will bear. Jerry explained that phase 2 of the project would include market research. He also explained that the church would be seeking a grant from Mo-Kan to take the project to the next level. Ron Barbosa wanted John Spencer to look at our requirements to ensure that the CID could legally disburse funds to a church. The board decided that they were not ready to vote. Ron Barbosa suggested a work session be planned to ensure this study could be utilized by others.

A work session to discuss the grant was held on Friday, February 12, 2021 at 10:00 am. Joe attended in person, Pat and Teresa were participating via zoom and John attended via phone. After discussion, the grant committee decided that the grant does not fit the guidelines for our grant process and therefore would not be approved.

Under Section B- Applicant Requirements, it states...

Grant funds **cannot** be used for any of the following:

- Capital expenditures by Cultural Councils or Religious Organizations

Grant Request – Allied Arts, Sculpture Walk: ***Joe informed the board that they have a grant application for \$20,000 to assist with funding for the sculpture walk this year. A motion was made by Joe to approve the \$20,000 funds requested, seconded by Brett. Motion approved. Teresa abstained due to conflict.

Grant Request – Center for Entrepreneurship Update: A contract with MWSU and the Center for Entrepreneurship was approved and sent. Christy scheduled a follow-up meeting, but due to illness the meeting had to be postponed.

Coleman Hawkins Park maintenance: Christy informed the board that we are waiting on bid requests and will keep the board updated on the process.

Townsend & Wall meeting: Ron informed the board that he and Christy met with the new managers at Townsend and Wall. We met to introduce the CID and address some affordable housing issues, and maintenance concerns.

Other Business:

Christy informed the board that she has become a board member for the newly formed St. Joseph's Main Street.

*****Adjourn:** Motion made by Teresa to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 am, seconded by Joe. Motion was approved unanimously.