

February 2017 Executive Director's Summary Report

South Grand Broker Tour: was held on Tuesday January 24, 2017 from 10:00AM-11:30AM at Canvas, Co-working space located at 3612 Hartford. David Bailey's Fifth Wheel Catering provided the continental breakfast. AH Realty Advisors paid for the food. A statistical packet was handed out as well as property owners with vacancies attended.

5 Year Strategic Planning Committee: met on February 2, 2017 the following were in attendance David Bailey, Kit Jenkins, Jen Kubiszewski, Rachel Witt and Alderwoman Green.

Request for Proposals: Request for Proposal went out Monday January 10, 2017 for South Grand CID and SGCA audit. Audit proposals are due February 10, 2017. Mr. Fanara assisted with the reviewing the document. Ms. Witt has been making calls to meet with ironwork companies in order to receive proposals for the maintenance of the fencing throughout the district. She has met with thus far the Metal Guys and Perpetua Iron. She will receive proposals shortly.

Annual report: was mailed Friday February 3, 2017. Studio X, Michael Kilfoy will be posting the annual report by February 10, 2017 to the South Grand website.

South Grand's Historic Walking Tour: the history of South Grand Blvd and the buildings has been uploaded to the South Grand website. A press release has gone out. Thus far, the RFT and St. Louis Post Dispatch has committed to a story.

Public Safety: Officer Appreciation and First Responders will be tentatively held on April 19th from 11AM-8PM at St. Pius Church. Ms. Witt received approval from Captain Dace and Richard Gray, Director of Public Safety. Still waiting to hear from Captain Deeba. Ms. Witt after hearing from the majority did send out request for committee members to the six surrounding neighborhoods.

Maintenance: Fencing has been repaired besides in front of Great Clips. Police report was issued waiting on the City of Saint Louis for reimbursement to make repairs. Good news a police report was issued for the fence that was damaged in front of Medicine Shoppe and the SGCID will process for reimbursement through the driver's car insurance due to the fact the "rain garden" fencing belongs to the district.

SGCA Update: The board finalized the 2017 Calendar of Events with Concert in the Ritz Park will be Tommy Halloran, Lindy Hop Performance Prior; Greek Movie Touch of Spice with partnership of the Greek Association; Bollywood Movie Bride and Prejudice with the help of Kecia Bollywood Instructor at Flex. Ted Talk in the Ritz Park topic is still not confirmed. Sponsorship letter was sent to the neighborhood associations. Poster created in support of our immigrants and refugees businesses on South Grand and printed by the SGCA. Marketing and Branding Strategy continues with a more condensed survey to residents.

Events: Dine Out for the International Institute will be Thursday February 23, 2017 from 5PM-10PM. The following businesses have confirmed thus far: Gelateria Del Leone, Lulu's, Café Natasha's, Baida, Juice Press/Everybody Yoga, Meskerem, Brasilia and MoKaBe's.