

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
SOUTH GRAND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
December 20, 2018**

**ATTENDANCE**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Matt Ghio, Christopher Shearman, David Bailey, Tim Boyle, Natasha Bahrami, David McCreery, Noy Liam and Rachel Presley **STAFF:** Rachel Witt **ABSENT:** Fran Fanara and Lorenzo Andrade

**GUEST:** Jason Pierce, Tom Bernhard, Nick Frey, Lawrence Johnson, Kit Jenkins, Myrinda Grantham, Afifa Yusof and Sarah Scribner.

**1. Call to Order:** Mr. Shearman called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM

**2. Minutes and Executive Director's Report:** Ms. Presley motioned to approve the minutes for October 11, 2018 and the Executive Director's report. Mr. Ghio seconded the motion. The board approved the minutes from October 11, 2018 and Executive Director's report.

**3. Treasurer's Report:** Ms. Witt reported \$147,919.54 total checking and savings at the end of October 11, 2018. \$6,690.39 received in November in sales and use tax. Mr. Ghio motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Ms. Presley seconded the motion. The board approved the treasurer's report.

**4. Administration**

**A. Shade Structure Presentation:** Jason Pierce, Nick Frey and Tom Bernhard representing Jacobs Architect and Engineering Firm presented on the Shade Structure. Three more renderings will be provided shortly with how the "Ritz Park" name will be displayed on the shade structure as well as how the movie screen will be attached for the best viewing for attendees. Pricing for the structure will be provided shortly. Sarah Scribner, Graduate Student from Washington University will be assisting Ms. Witt with grants, fundraising and outreach for the shade structure as her practicum.

**B. South Grand Holiday Party:** Thursday January 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-8PM at Rooster South Grand. This year only the SGCID and SGCA board will be providing the side dishes.

**C. Downtown STL Inc.:** Ms. Witt will no longer be part of the Downtown STL Inc. staff. KEB will be taking care of her payroll, Financial Advisors will be switching over her Simple IRA in coordination with payroll. As for Health Care Ms. Witt will be enacting COBRA. She is in talks with Tower Grove Neighborhood CDC and DeSales Community Development on becoming an "employee" which will take over payroll and health plan. Ms. Witt will provide updates shortly.

**D. Expansion of District:** Ms. Witt spoke with STL Apartments, Steve Bross owner of Saum and Hutcherson Arms. After the holiday they will be meeting. Ms. Witt was able to provide a letter from SSM showing their commitment of \$10,000 a year. Mr. Bross truly appreciated their commitment.

**5. Public Safety**

**A. Vashon High School Scam:** youth are posing as Vashon High School foot ball players to collect funds. They are starting to get aggressive. Ms. Witt will be providing an image of the youth to the South Grand businesses via email to be aware of the situation. No soliciting signs are recommended for businesses to post.

**B. Homelessness:** increase in homeless due to closing of shelter downtown. Bittle House is not equipped to handle the number of homeless. Cinder House and Gerard Craft would like to assist with feeding the homeless. Ms. Bahrami will be reaching out to help coordinate with Ms. Witt to pass along to Human Services. Churches can be possible locations to sponsor space. Messiah Lutheran provides a Christmas Day Diner.

**B. Crime Update/Pedestrian Safety:** Car Jacking outside of VP Square. Car retrieved, and suspect caught due to the cameras. Robbery behind Qdoba case still ongoing. Lucas Optometry was broken into case is ongoing.

**6. Maintenance & Capital Improvements**

**A. Signage & Zoning Committee Update:** Matt Bauer, Commercial Corridor Planner / Financial Analyst for SLDC and Ms. Witt almost have the draft of the Special Use District and Sign Overlay District complete. Hoping to email to the board by January.

**6. Other Matter to come Before the Board**

**7. Adjournment** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30PM

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Ghio  
Secretary  
South Grand CID