

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SOUTH GRAND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
June 11, 2020**

ATTENDANCE

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

1. Call to Order: Ms. Presley called the meeting to order at 2:35pm

2. Minutes & Executive Director's Report: Mr. Ghio moved to approve the minutes for February 13, 2020 and the Executive Director's report. Mr. Lorenzo seconded the motion. The board approved the minutes & Executive Director's report.

3. Treasurer's Report: Ms. Witt reported as of April 30, 2020 \$323,8772.30 in accounts. Ms. Witt reminded the board they approved next fiscal year's budget via email. Cuts have been made to the budget and the board unanimously agreed to proceed in the direction of no capital projects and decrease in administration due to COVID-19. Sales tax revenue is down prior to COVID-19. Ms. Witt feels a few businesses might not be reporting accurately with their sales tax rate. Ms. Witt will reach out to the Department of Revenue to see what steps are to be taken. If it lies amongst our organization; Ms. Witt will contact KEB to provide breakdown of rates for businesses-retail, restaurants, services, etc. Mr. Ghio moved to approve the treasurer's report. Mr. Benoist seconded the motion. The board approved the treasurer's report.

4. Public Safety

A. COVID-19: all businesses have received instructions on reopening with proper protocol. Ms. Witt has been reaching out to South Grand Businesses via email with details on reopening, grants, loans, etc.

B. Jamar Boyd: Ms. Witt will reach out to South Grand businesses about Jamar Boyd being a perpetual problem on South Grand. He has threatened visitors and threaten a South Grand property owner and threw one of our trash can lids through the entrance of his building. A warrant has been issued and the property owner will press charges. South Grand businesses will be asked to call 911.

5. Economic Development

A. Marijuana Manufacturing request: Mr. Lorenzo moves to not approve a letter of support to Corey Christenell's manufacturing of marijuana only for 3016 South Grand Blvd. Even though Mr. Christenell filed an appeal to be given a license for a dispensary he will not know until the 4th quarter. If Mr. Christenell wins his appeal the district supports the opening of his dispensary with manufacturing. At this time, the district does not support the use of manufacturing without a retail component. Mr. Liam seconded the motion. The board approved not to provide a letter of support.

B. Hand Sanitizer Stands: the board agreed at this time that it is the best use of funds to purchase hand sanitizer stands for South Grand businesses. It was suggested by Ms. Presley for Ms. Witt to gather stories and photos from South Grand businesses to promote on social media. Ms. Bahrami agreed with the use of Ms. Witt's time. Ms. Witt will reach out to South Grand businesses to provide content for social media. She will also send the information to STL Made to promote as well as provide to the media.

6. Other Matter to come Before the Board

Board Ups: The board of directors discussed when it would be the best time to take down the board ups. Commerce Bank will be commissioning Painted Black STL to paint a few of their boards while they wait for their windows to arrive. Ms. Witt will suggest for all businesses to take down the board ups when the four businesses that were damaged windows are repaired so the boards are taken down all at once. If businesses, feel otherwise it is up to them on when they feel comfortable to take down the boards.

7. Adjournment There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30PM

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Ghio
Secretary
South Grand CID