

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SOUTH GRAND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
October 14, 2021**

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Rachel Presley, Phil Benoist, Natasha Bahrami, David McCreery, JoJo Parapaisilapa, Lorenzo Andrade, David Bailey, and Tim Boyle **STAFF:** Rachel Witt **ABSENT:** Matt Ghio **GUEST:** Rick Gratza

1. Call to Order: Ms. Bahrami called the meeting to order at 1:05pm

2. Minutes & Executive Director's Report: Ms. Presley moved to approve the minutes for August 12, 2021, and the Executive Director's report. Ms. Bahrami seconded the motion. The board approved the minutes & Executive Director's report.

3. Treasurer's Report: Ms. Witt reported the balance sheet as of September 30, 2021, is \$300,845.78. On target with sales tax revenue with YTD budget. Under budget in expenses. Sales tax revenue is up compared to 2020 as well as from 2019. Mr. Andrade moved to approve the treasurer's report. Ms. Bahrami seconded the motion. The board approved the treasurer's report.

4. Administration

A. Audit Presentation: Mr. Gratza reported the South Grand Financial Statement of June 30, 2021. The board approved the draft. Mr. Gratza will send the final document to Ms. Witt. Also, KEB will report the South Grand Cultural Alliance income to the IRS via 990 postcard.

B. REFI of South Grand Parking Lot: Commerce Bank was able to offer 4.15% vs our current 5% with IFF for remainder 5 years of the loan. Ms. Witt will be meeting with the Gateway Community Development Fund to see if they can assist with a lower rate.

5. Public Safety

A. SLMPD Roll Call: Ms. Presley suggested a weekly give-a-way by having an officer working at roll call with a South Grand gift card. Also, the handwritten letter to the officers was recommended. Ms. Witt will start on a spreadsheet and solicit the South Grand businesses to provide a gift card. She will report back at the next board meeting. We can start the appreciation event in December 2021.

6. Maintenance

A. Yellow Panels: The South Grand Cultural Alliance board agreed the yellow panels no longer serve their purpose and recommends for them to be removed. Ms. Witt will reach out to various art nonprofits to see if any of them have an interest in the yellow panels and the base. The organization that provides interest will be made responsible to have them removed by the district providing them as an in-kind donation. Ms. Witt spoke with BPS, and we have the approval of the City of Saint Louis.

South Grand Medians: Ms. Witt is serving on a committee to come up with short term and long-term financial solutions to maintain the medians. The group will be sending out a request for donation shortly to raise \$25,000/year to maintain the medians for the next three years until a long-term solution is agreed upon. Mr. Boyle suggested to have a one year or two year commitment of funds upfront by for year three to be a pledge.

7. Economic Development

A. South Grand 2022 Events: Ms. Witt presented the 2022 Calendar Year of Events to the SGCA board. A few tweaks are being made and will be voted on approval next month. Sponsorship request will be sent out shortly after their approval.

8. Adjournment There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:05PM

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Witt, Executive Director, South Grand CID