

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
SOUTH GRAND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
December 9, 2021**

**ATTENDANCE**

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

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

**2. Minutes & Executive Director's Report:** Ms. Bharami moved to approve the minutes for October 14, 2021. Mr. Ghio second the motion. The board approved the minutes. Mr. Andrade moved to approve the Executive Director's report. Mr. Ghio seconded the motion to approve the Executive Director's report. The board approved the Executive Director's report.

**3. Treasurer's Report:** Ms. Witt reported the balance sheet as of November 30, 2021, is \$243,000.57. Over budget due to timing of invoices. Printed the brochures early as well as received the audit invoice sooner than expected. Ms. Bahrami moved to approve the treasurer's report. Mr. Ghio seconded the motion. The board approved the treasurer's report.

**4. Administration**

**A. Resolution on CID Legislation:** Mr. Ghio presented a resolution to the board to review and vote via email to be signed. The resolution is regarding board bill 124. The State of MO passed a statute changing the CIDs renewal process, stating that a municipality can extend a CID even if signatures are not acquired to the 51% of assessed value and property owners. Thus, this is not constitutional and should reach out to the state representative to have this state legislation changed. Mr. Ghio is asking the board to sign the resolution to have Ms. Witt send to State Representative Peter Meredith requesting his support to sponsor legislation to change the state statute to delete this section on municipality control.

**B. Traffic and Parking Study:** Ms. Witt spoke with CBB about the exploratory committee for the South Grand Parking Lot. Traffic and Parking study should be conducted after a developer is selected to see if the project is feasible. The Executive Board suggested to assist with the study by providing up to \$7500. Ms. Witt will be working on drafting an RFP and will place in the language such support per the review and approval of the board of directors.

**C. REFI of Parking Lot:** Ms. Witt has a call later today with St. Louis Equity Fund to see if they can offer a lower interest rate than Commerce Bank.

**5. Public Safety**

**A. SLMPD Roll Call:** Ms. Witt is working on an email draft to send to the board to review that will be sent out to the businesses asking for support of gift cards and attending roll call with her.

**B. Exterior Camera Grant Program:** It has been brought up the need to activate the grant program. Ms. Witt will send the draft application to the board to review for edits. She will provide the application to the South Grand businesses and have the funds available for next fiscal year.

**C. Homeless Resource Email:** Ms. Witt and Ms. Presley drafted an email for the board approval to send out to South Grand businesses providing insight and resources to assist the growing number of homeless on South Grand.

**6. Maintenance**

**A. South Grand Medians:** Mr. Ghio motioned for the SGCID to allocated \$1500 a year for the next three years to assist with the maintenance of the medians just north of the district, but for the funds to only be used for the median directly in front of Salon St. Louis due to the fact the median is within the boundaries of the CID. Mr. Benoist seconded the motion. The board approved the motion to assist with the medians, specifically the one within our boundaries.

**7. Economic Development**

**A. South Grand 2022 Events:** 2022 Events are approved from the SGCA and sponsorship packet will be going out next week.

**8. Adjournment** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00PM

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Witt, Executive Director, South Grand CID