

February 8, 2021

SSBD Minutes

6:30- via zoom

Present:

Luke Reynolds, Chairman
Terry Hoffman, Treasurer
Bill Clendenin, Commissioner
Molly Dougherty, Secretary
Jim Rick, Commissioner
Billy Tomber, Commissioner
Beth Hoops, communications
Sgt. Kitchell, SLMPD/TCF
Major Cousins, SLMPD/TCF
Adam Tilford, guest

Meeting commenced at 6:35pm

Communications Report – Beth Hoops

Beth is taking over the communications role for the board.

TCF Report

Overall, crime is relatively low.

Assault at 1225 Sidney- involved tenants in an apartment

Burglaries: 1- occurred at 1400 Russell apartment building involving tenants after drinking.
2- occurred at Tuckers where someone broke in, stole some alcohol, and left.

Larcenies- mostly involving stealing catalytic converters. Arrests continue to be made, but more keep popping up.

Influx of incidents involving the homeless population in the district. At least one protective order has been put in place for the Soulard neighborhood and one particularly aggressive panhandler.

Mardi Gras: STLMPD will have a detail in the district on parade/derby day, 9am to midnight.

Discussed concerns from residents of the district who feel that TCF is not patrolling enough, isn't present when incidents occur, etc. TCF patrols the district covering every street by a randomized route that is not the same each night and is tracked by a GPS trail for which the board has access to ensure the district is being covered.

Discussed reviewing our contract with TCF to make sure everything is still relevant and meeting our needs and goals.

Review of previous minutes

Motion to approve January Minutes by Chairman Reynolds, seconded by Commissioner Hoffman.

Minutes approved unanimously. Commissioner Dougherty to sign minutes and provide for publishing.

Business Report

Commissioner Hoffman will be submitting our forms to the Collector of Revenue in the next couple of weeks for our 2021 disbursement.

Old Business

Camera Program: We've been updating the whole system including local servers and laptops. We will be going to Will Electronics to pick up laptops and go through the program.

Preservation Hall – there is talk among the CID and other organizations about acquiring the property and turning it into a neighborhood center. The SBD was approached about being involved as an owner, tenant, etc. Discussed whether this is something we'd need or if it fits into our mission involving public safety within the district. We wouldn't need any type of ownership of the property but will discuss renting space for camera equipment, substation, etc.

Traffic calming initiative: We need to schedule a scoping meeting with BPS (Board of Public Safety) to scope out the overall size of the project to be bid out to city sanctioned contractors who will submit bids for the work. The CID board has agreed to do this and we will participate in some capacity if we'd like. The first step is scheduling a meeting to discuss the scope and what exactly this project will entail. Commissioner Hoffman to coordinate the meeting and will circulate dates to the board for scheduling.

Annual neighborhood forum: Discussed whether we should proceed with a webinar format or wait until we can convene in person. Tentatively we will schedule this for our May (5/10) meeting and discuss further as it approaches if we can be in person or by Zoom webinar.

Commissioner Tomber is working on putting together a form for tracking broken, damaged, burnt out, or covered streetlights. Will present at next meeting.

New Business

Discussed guest Adam Tilford's interest in joining the board. Commissioner Hoffman to send him the application and petition for consideration.

Commissioner Hoffman makes motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Rick.

All in favor, meeting adjourned – 8:15pm.

Approved 3/8/21
