

EAST LOOP COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, April 18th, 2024, AT 10 AM

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the East Loop Community Improvement District (the “District”) is scheduled on Thursday, April 18th, 2024, at 10 AM, at the Moonrise Hotel, 6177 Delmar Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63112 and via Zoom Video/Teleconference, City of St. Louis, State of Missouri

**THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATION IN
THE MEETING IN PERSON OR VIA TELECONFERENCE**

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1. OPENING

- A. Dave Mastin called meeting to order at 10:02am.
- B. Directors in Attendance were Reggie Scott, Dave Mastin, JoAnna Schooler, Joe Edwards, Qui Tran, and Karen Wiley.
- C. Others in Attendance were James Schier and Joy Straney of Renaissance Financial, Garret (Zoom attendee), Tameka Stigers, Samantha Smugala, Executive Director, Jim Whyte of NSI, Rob Klahr of Armstrong and Teasdale LLP, and Suzanne Schoomer.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT’S QUARTERLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 18TH, 2024.**
- B. Joe Edwards made a motion to approve, JoAnna Schooler seconds, all in favor. Motions passes.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS – COMMENTS BY ANYONE OTHER THAN BOARD MEMBERS ARE WELCOME AT THIS TIME.

- A. No public comments

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. SECURITY UPDATE

- Jim Whyte reports there was a shooting on Delmar on 4/18/24 at 2:09am located outside of Pin UP Bowl, Cameras were able to capture some of the incident and the vehicle. One man was killed, two females shot and injured. Police and EMS responded quickly. Appears victims knew each other – doesn’t seem random.
- Jim Whyte reviews the Security Report

- Overall, there was a decrease in crime last month, we had a handful of car break ins. We are tracking at our 5-year average.
- NSI and the Board would like to make sure that the businesses have the phone number to report unhoused in the district. Samantha Smugala will send this information to the businesses.
- Unhouse individual known as Michael was court ordered to stay away from the corner of Skinker and Delmar. Since he has been at the intersection. He has mental health complications. Jim Whyte reports it is difficult to keep people confined. Board is concerned about Michael's impact on businesses.
- One idea to communicate our concern is for Samantha Smugala is to write a letter to prosecutor's office and have the board members sign it. We could also obtain a list of signatures from businesses / community members.
- **FLOCK SAFETY**
 - Samantha Smugala explains the CID approved the addition of two Flock Cameras in the district. This project was delayed due to changes in staff at the CID and at Flock. Discussed the option of moving forward with the project or canceling the project.
 - Jim Whyte likes the idea of adding Flock Cameras. The differentiator between the Flock camera and our current cameras is that the Flock camera can read license plates. Other districts, The Grove and CWE have flock cameras.
 - What makes the project a bit more complex is that the City of St. Louis does not have an MOU with Flock. Permitting could be delayed.
 - The Board would like to proceed with the project as voted on in 2022. Jim Whyte and Samantha Smugala to meet about determining camera locations.

B. FINANCES

- **CID INVESTMENT REVIEW BY RENASSANCE FINANCIAL**
 - James Shier and Joy Straney present financial strategy with our reserve funds moving forward. Would like to move funds from CDs to mutual fund. This strategy is stable, not aggressive, meaning less risk.
 - The board discussed adopting an investment strategy. Joy Straney and James Shier agreed to draft investment parameters for board review.
 - Our next CD matures in July.
 - The recommendation to the Board was to implement the mutual fund strategy regardless of if we receive a streetscape grant.
- **APPROVAL OF BUDGET RESOLUTION**
 - Joe Edwards made a motion to approve, Qui Tran seconds, all in favor. Motions passes.
- **FY 24-25 DRAFT BUDGET REVIEW**
 - Samantha presented the FY24-25 draft budget

- Tameka recommended increasing the beautification portion of the budget.

C. LOOP TROLLEY

- The Board discussed current operations and status of Loop Trolley. Samantha Smugala and Dave Mastin to schedule a meeting with Bi-State Development to discuss possibilities.

D. 2025-2030 DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW

- The Board did not have any immediate comments. Samantha Smugala will move forward with the strategy and shorten the document to be more legible.

E. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

5. VOTE TO CLOSE A PORTION OF THE MEETING PURSUANT TO SECTION 610.021(1) OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF MISSOURI IN ORDER TO CONDUCT CONFIDENTIAL, ATTORNEY- CLIENT PRIVILEGED DISCUSSIONS.

- A. A motion was made by Joe Edwards and seconded by Qui Tran to close the meeting pursuant to Section 610.021(1) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended, to conduct confidential, attorney- client privileged discussions. Board members voting in favor to close a portion of the meeting: Dave Mastin, Joe Edwards, JoAnna Schooler, Reggie Scott, Qui Tran, Karen Wiley, 6-0.

**CLOSED SESSION OF THE MEETING
Starting at 11:27am**

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**CLOSED SESSION OF THE MEETING
Ended at 11:49am**

6. ADJOURNMENT

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Secretary of the East Loop Community Improvement
District