

EAST LOOP COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 16, 2021, AT 10 AM

1. **OPENING:** Dave Mastin called the meeting to order at 10 AM. Directors in attendance were Joe Edwards, John Langa, Dave Mastin, Qui Tran, JoAnna Schooler, Reggie Scott, and Tameka Stigers. Also in attendance were Alderwoman Shameem Clark Hubbard, Alderwomen Heather Navarro, 26th Ward NSI Chiemica Johnson, SDCC Executive Director Mike Reid, Rob Klahr of Armstrong Teasdale, and Skinker DeBaliviere resident Cindy Curley. East Loop CID staff, Executive Director Rachelle L'Ecuyer and Brian Adler, UMSL intern. Absent: Qui Tran
2. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT'S QUARTERLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021.** A motion was made to approve the minutes by John Langa and seconded by Joe Edwards. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** A letter opposing the Opus development at 6190 Delmar was submitted by Skinker DeBaliviere resident Cindy Curley to be read at the meeting. Rachelle L'Ecuyer read the letter as submitted. There were no other comments.
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **SECURITY UPDATE:** Jim Whyte provided a security report to the board. A security meeting was held for East Loop business owners and building owners on December 15th. Of note, Jim is working on finding the right resources for the homeless individual at Delmar and Rosedale. He is having a meeting in the afternoon on December 16th with Places for People. He is putting a report together to help get the right resources. Jim will provide a staffing report to the East Loop CID board for the security patrols.
 - B. **FINANCIALS:** Rachelle L'Ecuyer reviewed the financials. The budget items to date are on target. The property assessments are starting to be paid by the City of St. Louis. The finance committee meetings will be in March and April.
 - C. **EAST LOOP CID REINVESTMENT RESOLUTION:** A resolution to approve the creation of two programs to encourage reinvestment in the East Loop CID was presented by John Langa. The two programs would be a micro-loan program to help new businesses coming into the district and an infrastructure investment program that would be used for specific upgrades within the district. There will be several steps in implementing the programs once the resolution is approved including drafting the program criteria and way in which the funds will be captured. Rachelle L'Ecuyer will work on drafting the program criteria. John Langa will help with this effort. **Rob Klahr commented that a clause needed to be added to the resolution: Further Authority.** All actions heretofore taken by the authorized officials, officers, representatives, agents and employees of the District in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Resolution are hereby confirmed and approved, and the District shall, and the officials, officers, representatives, agents and employees of the District are hereby authorized and directed to, take such further action, and execute and deliver such other documents and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Resolution. A motion was made to approve the resolution with the amended clause by Joe Edwards and seconded by JoAnna Schooler. All were in favor and the resolution was approved.
 - D. **RECYCLING PROGRAM:** Brian Adler presented the proposal from Waste Management to

provide recycling services and reporting to the help the East Loop CID meet the reporting requirements per the grant with the St. Louis Jefferson Solid Waste District. The amount for services will not exceed \$5,999 for the period from January 1 to June 30, 2022. A motion was made to go into contract with Waste Management for the recycling services by Joe Edwards and seconded by Tameka Stigers. All were in favor and the motion passed.

E. REPORT BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RACHELLE L'ECUYER: Rachelle reported on some very positive updates including a total of \$50,000 in grants to 10 East Loop CID businesses from Wells Fargo and the installation of new recycling/trash receptacles in the district thanks to a grant from the St. Louis Jefferson Solid Waste District.

5. VOTE TO CLOSE A PORTION OF THE MEETING: A closed session was not required at this meeting.

6. OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS FUNDING AGREEMENT: On December 15, The City of St. Louis Board of Public Service sent Rachelle L'Ecuyer an agreement for the pedestrian crosswalks and signage with a total contract price of \$30,200. The pedestrian crosswalks will be installed at Delmar and Laurel and Delmar and DeGiverville. Signage will be installed at the existing pedestrian crosswalk at 6161 Delmar. The work will be completed before the end of the fiscal year which is June 30, 2022. A motion was made to approve the agreement by John Langa and seconded by Joe Edwards. All were in favor and the motion passed.

TRASH CAN DISCUSSION: Tameka Stigers asked if the old trash cans could be left in place to make sure that all areas were covered. The trash cans will be left in place for a couple of months to determine which ones can be removed without creating trash issues. Rachelle L'Ecuyer will look into finding a solution for lids that will keep the trash inside the cans. An assessment will be made to determine which trash cans should be removed.

7. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn at 11:25 AM by Tameka Stigers and seconded by JoAnna Schooler. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

By: 

(Name & Title) Rachelle L'Ecuyer, Executive Director