

**EAST LOOP COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES
Thursday, October 21, 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 present were representatives from Delmar Main: Brandon Sterling, Lisa Potts, Tonnie Smith, and Lisa Otke; Washington University Medical Redevelopment Corp.: Kimberly Smith Drake; East Loop Business Owner, Pat Hagin; NSI, Jim Whyte; Armstrong Teasdale: Rob Klahr; and East Loop CID Rachelle L’Ecuyer and Brian Adler.
2. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT’S QUARTERLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2021:** A motion was made to approve the minutes by John Langa and seconded by Dave Mastin. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No public comments were made at this meeting.
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **SECURITY UPDATE:** Jim Whyte of NSI provided a security report to the board. He reported that crime has increased in the District and city-wide specifically regarding car break-ins and car thefts. NSI has coordinated with other security teams including the 5th District Police, Wash. U., TCF and Metro. This has helped significantly but there are still issues with being able to fully staff the security patrols due to the St. Louis Police staffing shortages and demand for the officers to work overtime. NSI is reviewing police reports and cameras in the district. They will be sending out a communication and contacting the businesses. NSI is also managing a homeless outreach program. We will have a monthly security meeting for business and building owners. NSI will run the meetings and provide information and resources to the business, building owners, and CID board.
 - B. **DELMAR MAIN PRESENTATION:** Brandon Sterling led the presentation for the new Delmar Main initiative. The group has been awarded a grant by Missouri Main Street from its Urban Main Street Program funded by SLDC. The grant offers a 3-year commitment that covers the development of implementing main street strategies for economic vitality. The area the grant covers spans the area of Delmar from Taylor to the St. Louis City limits (that includes the East Loop CID). The Delmar Main group is seeking an official partnership with the East Loop CID. Missouri Main Street is holding a series of informational meetings in November. Brandon will reach out to Rachelle to set-up a time for a meeting to have further discussions on this initiative.
 - C. **CODE OF CONDUCT AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY:** Rachelle L’Ecuyer introduced the Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy draft to the board members. The only question was regarding the statement “monitoring of” and it was agreed to remove the word from the document. A motion to make the change as stated and approve the Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy by John Langa and seconded by JoAnna Schooler. All were in favor and the resolution was approved.
 - D. **PLANET WALK REPAIRS:** The Planet Walk planet markers need repair. Joe Edwards received bids from Engraphix, the company that installed the signs. The funds needed to repair the markers would be \$5,202 with a 10-year warranty. A motion was made to approve the repair of the Planet Walk markers as presented by JoAnna Schooler and seconded by Qui Tran. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

E. REPORT BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RACHELLE L'ECUYER: Rachelle noted the highlights of her report that included the upcoming event at the St. Louis Artworks hosted by Wells Fargo to present \$5000 grants to three business owners and provide a clean-up day in the East Loop CID. Also mentioned were the proposed developments on Delmar that include the Opus development for a building marketed as student housing on Delmar and Skinker, and a proposed Imo's at Delmar and DeGiverville. Rachelle introduced Brian Adler, a graduate student from UMSL is getting college credit for an internship with the East Loop CID. Brian is working on the Lease the Loop initiative, researching recycling companies for meeting the grant from the St. Louis Jefferson Solid Waste District's grant criteria.

5. VOTE TO CLOSE A PORTION OF THE MEETING PURSUANT TO MISSOURI SUNSHINE LAW SECTIONS 610.021 (1) AND IN ORDER TO CONDUCT CONFIDENTIAL, ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGED DISCUSSIONS REGARDING PERSONNEL, CONTRACTUAL AND FINANCIAL STRATEGIES. A motion was made to have a closed session at 11:09 AM by Joe Edwards and seconded by JoAnna Schooler. The closed session ended at 11:52 AM.

6. OTHER NEW BUSINESS: Tameka Stigers asked that the East Loop CID board members receive more information about the staffing of shifts. Rachelle will ask NSI to help with this request.

7. ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Tameka Stigers and seconded by Qui Tran. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 11:54 PM.