

DUTCHTOWN COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

**DTCID Monthly Meeting MINUTES**

November 23, 2022

**Board Members Present:**

Sal Martinez ( X )	Caya Aufiero ( X )	
Ann Smart ( X )	Michael Powers ( X )	

**Excused:**

**Absent:** Stevie Limmer LaChance, Fadumo Sheikh Hassan

**Guests Present:** Bill Clendenin, Rick Ruderer

Call to Order at 5:38 pm - Caya noted there was a quorum present.

1. Guest presentation – Rick Ruderer
  - a. Dec 10 12pm-4pm – Merry Menagerie holiday event on Meramec
    - i. Petting zoo secured
      1. Rick is on the board of the Gateway Parrot club and other animal organizations.
    - ii. Not for profits invited to table
    - iii. Merchants are happy to have animals and photography in their stores
    - iv. Indoor/outdoor event
    - v. Insurance is covered by each participant
    - vi. Budget amount is \$5000 from CID and \$1500 from DTMS
    - vii. Need a \$3500 check written to 50 Roses for petting zoo, decorations, and miscellaneous expenses.
  - b. Clowning for Kids event at the Wink Annex
    - i. Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 7-9 benefit for Youth in Need
    - ii. Clowns can be purchased
    - iii. Expensive clowns will be silent auctioned
    - iv. 100 clown display boxes will be used for Santa’s Surprise (\$5 for the surprise.)
2. Approval of previous Board Minute
  - a. Approved as amended
3. DTCID/DTMS Liaison Report – Stevie Limmer LaChance
  - a. No report filed
  - b. 2023-2024 Budget deadlines for DTMS Committees, Have they been communicated?
    1. Draft DTMS budgets to us by 1/24/23 CID Meeting
    2. DTCID Budget in to BOA 4/1/23
4. Secretary’s Report – Ann Smart/Fadumo Hassan

- a. Request for a Letter of Support for Lutheran Development Group's proposed development of properties within the CID footprint received.
  - b. Letter requesting sponsorship for the NIC Fundraiser Holiday Party proposed. (\$250) From John Chen at NIC received.
    - i. This sponsorship includes 5 tickets to the event
    - ii. As tenants of the NIC, Employment Connection is a sponsor
    - iii. Ann moves to match Employment Connections sponsorship
      - 1. Michael seconds
      - 2. Motion passes
  - c. Invoice for legal services received
  - d. Collector of Revenue accounting for this month received
5. Treasurer's Report- Stevie Limmer-LaChance (not present)
- a. None
6. Old Business
- a. Status on Replacement Lights for 3300 Block Meramec – Caya
    - i. Lights are currently being installed.
  - b. Safer Dutchtown Summit 11/5/22 recap- Caya
    - i. It was a successful event
    - ii. Media coverage (TV and Radio)
    - iii. About 30 residents attended
    - iv. Attendees were very engaged
    - v. Police officers from districts 1 and 3 attended
    - vi. Planning another event in the spring
  - c. Ann- Swearing in– Status
    - i. We will be on board of alderman's meeting scheduled for December
  - d. Trash/Porter Update
    - i. Ann recaps meeting with Joel and email to Sal. Areas to be investigated include:
      - 1. Adding personnel
      - 2. Reviewing salaries
      - 3. Adjust schedule
      - 4. Logging work and conditions
      - 5. Investigating adding a utility vehicle
    - ii. CIDboard needs status reports
    - iii. An Operating Agreement between CID and DTMS is still outstanding
      - 1. An example operating agreement from Main Streets would be useful.
  - e. Replacement for Board Member LaGwenda Sims

- i. Caya and Ann created list of possible directors / ex-officio directors
- ii. Goal is to invite board prospects to attend meetings
- iii. Must determine who is a good fit for the board (time commitment, needed skills, etc.)
- iv. Some candidates can become involved as ex-officio directors

7. New Business

- a. Additional services from LEM business solutions
  - i. Accounting has been reconciled by LEM in QuickBooks
  - ii. Proposal to add monthly reporting
  - iii. Proposal to add all financial functions
  - iv. Provided sample reports
  - v. Treasurer role in DT CID will be an oversight role
- b. Letter of Support for LDG Grant
- c. Crosswalks
  - i. Shane Cohn referred us to Jamie Wilson
  - ii. Permit needed if CID is paying for crosswalks
  - iii. Need to coordinate with Shane
  - iv. If ward funds are used, no permits are needed
  - v. Still need ward capital improvement plan

8. Anything new for the good of the neighborhood?

- a. NIC Holiday Party- Thursday, December 15, 6-10
- b. DTMS Holiday Party at Habitat- 12/23

9. Action Items

- a. 2023 - How will we become more efficient in getting more engaged and more involved with the city
- b. Need to find the opportunities for finding city dollars for projects

10. Adjourned at 7:02

11. Next meeting - NO meeting in December. Next meeting **January 24, 2023** at 5:30 (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month)

The meeting will be open to the public at the Neighborhood Innovation Center (NIC STL) 3207 Meramec, 63118

& online at <https://dutchtownstl.org/cidmeeting>

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