

# **DNA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

6pm, September 6, 2021

Virtual Meeting

- Present: LaShana Lewis, Dan Pistor, Kristin Denbow, James Page, Jace Brotherton, Munir Prince, Alex Hurst
  - Previous Meeting Notes (Jace)
    - Kristin moves to approve, James seconds
  - Treasurer's Report (James)
    - USBank 08/31/21 bank statement.
      - Balance =  $\frac{22,322.73}{2}$
    - USBank 09/06/21 bank summary.
      - Balance = <u>\$22,256.74</u>
    - QuickBooks P&L Report (2021).
      - Loss (01/01/21 09/06/21) = -669.35
    - To make stronger effort to push use of Amazon Smile
    - Alex moves to approve, Kristin seconds
  - Old Business -
    - Laclede's Landing Bicentennial Celebration Recap
      - Issues with tours, number of people, COVID
  - New Business -

## • September Virtual Town Hall Meeting Prep (Meeting on Sept 13)

- James will lead (LaShana out of town)
- <u>Brickline Greenway</u> GRG Emailed James & I about presenting at July Town Hall, we may have them for the September Town Hall.
- <u>WePower</u> Reach back out to present about the Community Benefit Agreement (see attached). [Note: St. Louis is supposed to have a version of this, the attachment has the East St. Louis version, for reference.]
- Speakers are lined up and confirmed

## • Reign Hearings (Sept 10 & 20) - (Notices attached)

- Detriment Hearing w/ Excise Commissioner, September 10, 2021 at 10:00 am in Room 208 at City Hall.
- Nuisance Hearing w/ Problem Properties Division, September 20, 2021 at 10:30 am at 1520 Market, Room 278.
- Not sure if they're both only in-person.
- Was asked by GSL to help present, and told by various entities to "pack the room" to make a more convincing case.
- Ald. Page & Ald. Coatar both plan to testify.



- All hearings to be held open to public via Zoom.
  - Testimony unlikely.
  - Will likely stick to items listed on charge (namely violence)
- Motion to approve Dan's letter regarding Reign pending two changes from Kristin and Alex
  - Dan moves, Munir seconds

## o <u>Taste of St. Louis</u> (Sept 24-26) - Advertise/Booth Update

- Notes from James on 07/07/21; last contact on 08/08/21 -
  - I reached Chuck Justus of Taste of Saint Louis.
  - This year's Taste of Saint Louis will take place at Ballpark Village.
  - Dates: September 24th, 25, 26th.
  - There will be no opportunity for DNA to sell beverages or any other food products as in past years.
  - Chuck Justus said he would provide a DNA booth from which we can sell memberships, raffle tickets, 50/50 drawings; etc. to raise money.
  - 18-24 volunteers needed
- We will skip Night at the Ballpark this year

## Committee Updates

- ∘ Membership
  - Working on attracting more local businesses via brochure
- ₀ Urban Spaces
  - Walking tour is making significant progress, however COVID is causing issues

∘ Events

- August happy hour at Jack Patrick's was great
- Bart interested in doing a bourbon tasting and/or something with Salt + Smoke
  - Look into hosting this as a ticketed event where DNA can raise some money

 $_{\circ}$ Safety

- Hybrid meeting had some speed bumps with audio
- Last meeting covered Reign, tent encampments
- At Margaretta
  - Zach McMichael submitted Sunshine request
  - Buildings to submit letters explaining fear of forged signatures to Excise

**oBuilding Captains** 

Seat vacancy

## Open Discussion

o Downtown STL SUD Progress Update



- Dominoes was respectful of our concerns and will work with architect to explore potential remedies
- GSL's Downtown contact for now is Margaret Onken, Chief Engagement Officer (<u>margaret@greaterstlinc.com</u>). She wants to be kept apprised of DNA and Downtown issues as much as possible.
- To work on keeping Larry Rice / NLEC closed
- Alex moves to adjourn, Kristin seconds