



DNA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

6pm, September 7, 2022

Virtual Meeting

Present: LaShana Lewis, Dan Pistor, James Page, Jace Brotherton, Kristin Denbow

- **PRESENTATION: Jerry Schlichter with Downtown Economic Development Council (Infrastructure Proposal)**
 - Concerned about the health and vitality of downtown in order to have a strong region
 - Downtown and North St. Louis is interconnected
 - Downtown is the city's tax base, so the downturn of downtown impacts the entire city, especially
 - 65% of downtown housing is for income restricted housing
 - Need a diversity of housing
 - **Downtown infrastructure and economic development plan:**
 - Infrastructure repairs - 15 million
 - Infrastructure maintenance - 18 million
 - Streetscape enhancements - 18 million (matching funds 70/30)
 - Riverfront activation - 10 million - bring activities to riverfront
 - Graffiti removal - 1.5 million
 - Rehab of decayed high visibility buildings - 2 million
 - Downtown retail activation fund - 3 million
 - For sale housing initiative - 40 million - bridge the gap to develop true for sale developments downtown
 - **North St. Louis - 120 million in addition to commercial corridors**
 - For sale housing fund - 80 million
 - Infrastructure fund for sidewalks and streets - 10 million
 - Basic repair and weatherproofing of LRA owned homes (approx. 8000 buildings) - 40 million (75% for North St. Louis, the rest for the rest of the city)
 - Downtown is in a crisis with residency rates - the downturn must be turned around
 - LaShana moves to create letter of support for the above, James seconds
- **Previous Meeting Notes (sent by Jace)**



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- James move to approve minutes, Kristin seconds
- **Treasurer's Report (James)**
 - USBank 08/31/22 bank statement.
 - Balance = \$19,931.61
 - USBank 09/07/22 bank summary.
 - Balance = \$19,863.61
 - QuickBooks P&L Report (2022).
 - Gain (01/01/22 - 09/07/22) = -530.41
 - Dan moves to approve Treasurer's Report, Kristen seconds
- **Old Business -**
 - ***Tucker Shell Update (Dan/James)***
 - DNA does not expect any more expenses out of pocket, but we will remain involved
 - Moving forward with another nuisance/use hearing
 - ***Downtown SUD/I-Zone Update (Dan/James/LaShana)***
 - Sarah would like to speak at September Town Hall. James to consider and decide.
 - Met with City and Zoning Dept. Claim that homeless shelters are already prohibited. Claim they cannot limit nightclubs. Meeting again tomorrow.
 - ***Downtown Engagement & Public Safety Initiative - Update (LaShana)***
 - Meeting on 9/7 at 4pm
 - Proposal for the fall City Social closed, final event management team chosen.
 - BizDash will host a downtown route.
 - ***Downtown Economic Development Council - Update (LaShana)***
 - Meeting on 8/18 @ noon
 - Jerry will most likely provide quick updates
 - ***Website Update (James/LaShana)***
 - Emailed Ed to get update on domain name transfer (Doteasy) [Ed is possibly is Spain right now]
- **New Business**
 - ***Board Vote:*** [Approve Downtown Economic Development Council's Infrastructure Proposal](#)
 - Consideration of Major Dedicated Fund from Rams settlement and Federal money for Downtown infrastructure



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- Approved
- ***September Town Hall Prep (Sept 12th @ 6pm)***
 - Speaker: Kitty Ratcliffe (St. Louis Convention & Visitors Commission)
 - May have other (brief) speakers
 - Will remain virtual
- ***Upcoming Election (Sept 13th)***
 - Approval voting for President of the Board of Alderman ([sample ballot](#))
 - Must have Photo ID
 - STL City Board of Elections trying out new Voting Centers & No-Excuse Absentee Early Voting ([link](#))
 - Downtown STL only has Early Voting Center (BoE offices)
 - [Addresses and Maps of Early and Day-of Voting Centers](#)
- ***National Night Out for STL City Update (Oct 4, 6-9p)***
 - Online registration due 9/26 @ 5p
 - For this day, street blocking permits are waived
 - Will be hosted at Rosalita's patio
- ***Board Bills (James)***
 - Still working on surface lot and short-term-rental bill, focusing on enforcement
 - Downtown e-shuttle service to continue
- ***Fall Fires***
 - Will host one, location TBD. Blues Museum to host events on Thursday nights.
- **Committee Updates**
 - Membership (Kristin)
 - Will order and engage more door hangers with audit for membership
 - Urban Spaces (Jace)
 - Jace to schedule another cleanup initiative.
 - James mentioned cleaning up the area on North Tucker as it turns into bridge
 - Events (Mike)
 - Happy Hour Recap - Rosalita's + Front Page Lofts
 - September HH at Over/Under
 - October HH to be somewhere near Ballpark Heights apartments
 - Development (Corey)
 - Safety (Dan)



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- Location of meetings is up in the air
 - Unclear why police refuse to close portions of Wash Ave on weekends
 - Working to clear up laws, enforcement on street vendors
 - Will explore shared security
 - Building Captains (Dan/James)
 - Initiative will resume
 - **Open Discussion**
 - Conditional Use Letter, OYO Hotel (James)
 - Laclede's Landing Encampment Letter (Dan)
 - Concern over why homelessness is being pushed to Downtown and Near North (NLEC)
 - Shady Jack's planning a large motorcycle event and pushing to continue AirBNB and motorcycle outings/bars near this area despite owner retiring
 - James to meet with Bi-State to discuss plans for North-South lightrail and funding for Downtown link
 - James will ask why lightrail plans to run along Jefferson instead of through Downtown
 - Meeting adjourned
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