



## DNA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

6pm, April 1, 2024

Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Dan Pistor, James Page, Shane Million, Kristin Denbow, Justin Scarborough, Stevon Brown

Absent:

**Call to order at 6:03pm**

**Welcome (Dan)**

- **Previous Meeting Notes**
  - **Kristin moved to approve; Justin 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried**
- **Treasurer's Report (James) Written report provided**
  - USBank 03/29/24 bank statement.
    - Balance = **\$21,252.51**
  - USBank 04/01/24 bank summary.
    - Balance = **\$21,231.61**
- QuickBooks P&L Report (2024)
  - **Gain/Loss** (01/01/24 - 04/01/24) = **\$43.86**
- Annual state form submission under way
  - **Shane Moved to approve/ Justin 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried**
- **Old Business -**
  - **Tucker Shell Update (James)**
  - **Downtown Economic Development Council - Update (Dan/James)**
    - Discussed making an offer to the EDC to become a DNA Committee with Jerry
    - Reviewed the Bylaws for any concerns; none found
      - Recommended that if a person will chair a DNA committee, they should be a paid member
    - No March meeting
    - Next Meeting 4/18 Agenda Topics: TBD
  - **Board Bills (James/Dan)**
    - Board Bill 44 [Surface Parking](#)
      - Met with Alderman Aldridge, Les Sterman & owner of St. Louis Parking to discuss the following and gain agreement where possible
        - Hardship clause created
        - Bill perfected in front of Board of Aldermen
        - Amendments made as well
      - Discussion around profitability vs. safety
    - Board Bill 60 [Liquor License Process](#)
      - Bill Passed
      - 6 month grace period for implementation
    - Board Bill 227 Homeless Bill of Rights
      - Passed out of committee
      - Will send letter campaign to Safety Committee
      - Shared frustration around inability to testify
  - **Neighborhood Alliance (Dan/James)**
    - Continues to be active on bills



## DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

- **Ward 8 Coalition**
  - Meetings are held in person
  - Reps from Benton Park, Lafayette Square, Soulard, McKinley Heights & Dan represented Downtown & Downtown West
  - Concerns shared about street repair following utility work
- **Greater STL Inc Assistance (James/Dan)**
  - Will schedule meeting to discuss collaboration options
  - **Traffic Calming Efforts**
    - Shared upcoming meeting info on Tuesday
    - <https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/public-service/projects/principal-arterial-traffic-safety-enhancements.cfm>
- **New Business**
  - **March Town Hall 3/11 @ 6pm (James)**
    - Location: Central Library
    - Guest Speaker: Great Rivers Greenway
    - Great presentation
    - Gift Cards well received
    - Would like increased Alderman participation
    - Next Town Hall: May 13<sup>th</sup>
      - Requested speaker suggestions
        - Police Department Summer Detail Plan
        - Convention Center Contact
  - **Neighborhood Transformation Grant (Dan/James)**
    - James Reviewed submission
      - Submitted Proposal for \$750,000 – \$850,000
        - Signage
        - Façade Lighting
        - Pedestrian Lighting
  - **Committee Updates**
    - Membership (Kristin)
      - Postcard finalized with VistaPrint
        - \$1400 for Print & Mail
        - More expensive to use USPS vendors
        - James suggested Pelican Printing
        - Stevon will reach out to USPS contacts and provide feedback to Kristin
      - James has collected new member sign-ups and will forward to Kristin
    - Urban Spaces – Request came in for a clean-up at Lucas Park
    - Events (Shane)
      - March Happy Hour well attended; very successful
      - Hotel Crawl – April 13<sup>th</sup>
        - Magnolia
        - Last Hotel
        - 21c
      - Happy Hour – Hot Pizza/Cold Beer
      - May Happy Hour: Over Under or Jack Patrick's upcoming
      - Recommended getting new T-Shirts
    - Development – No report
      - James received copies of information sent for donations
      - Checked Tech Artista Office to ensure nothing was received
    - Safety (Dan)
      - Met at Hotel St. Louis
      - Have to schedule remaining months
      - Police provided updates
        - Incident at OpOp Tower
      - No Liquor License Attendees
      - Attendance Down; Good sign for downtown safety
      - James shared concerns received around Pepper Lounge



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- Building Captains (Tauriana)
  - Continuing review of new Member
  - Target larger meeting including HOA possibly in May/June
    - Dan, Tauriana and James to meet to discuss further
- **Open Discussion**
  - James – Reiterated excitement regarding grant submission
  - Justin
    - Shared update on dumpsters on Locast
  - Dan
    - Reiterated meeting on street improvements
- **Motion to Adjourn by James & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin**
- **Meeting adjourned @ 7:18pm**
- **Next Meeting May 6<sup>th</sup>**

Respectfully Submitted,

Tauriana Lyles King. Board Secretary