Tower Grove South Concerned Citizens SBD

Special Board Meeting Agenda

Monday July 19, 2021

Location: Zoom

Start time: 6:45 pm

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| **Participant** | **Attendance** | **Participant** | **Attendance** |
| Kathryn Heitzenroeder, Chair | X | Deborah Cohen, Treasurer | X |
| Katy Shackelford, Vice Chair | X | Carrie Koeller, Secretary | X |
| Lauren Pyatt, Commissioner | X | Terry Hoffman, Business Manager | X |
| Dominique Lockett, Commissioner | X | Kenny Warner, Commissioner | X |
| Trevor Russel, CWS | X | Guests: Megan Green (Alder), Christopher Ottolino, Andrew Mihalevich, Simone Cook | X |

1. **Welcome/Call to Order/Roll Call** Kathryn 6:45-6:50 PM
2. **CWS Report/Questions** Trevor 6:50-7:00 PM

* Trevor reports usual amount of activity in the district, Robbery 2 is stealing with force but not weapon, garage burglary in 4000 Potomac
* Lauren asked about processes for admin leave, Trevor was unsure about how they fill missed shift besides asking other officers to fill in

1. **Approval of June Meeting Minutes** Carrie 7:00-7:05 PM

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| **Commissioner** | **Support** | **Oppose** | **Abstain** |
| Kathryn Heitzenroeder | X |  |  |
| Katy Shackelford | X |  |  |
| Lauren Pyatt | motions |  |  |
| Carrie Koeller | X |  |  |
| Deborah Cohen | seconds |  |  |
| Dominique Lockett | X |  |  |
| Kenny Warner | X |  |  |

**MOTION PASSES**

1. **Treasurer Report** Deborah 7:05-7:10 PM

* Security over budget for where we are in the year, but the line item was underbudgeted based on what we spent in previous years
* Should we be on the same FY as the city, Megan says doesn’t matter

1. **Old Business** 7:10-7:25 PM

❖ **Post Card discussion** Katy

* We did not get any info back from company re: mailing and return processes
* Carrie to follow up
* Kathryn has gotten 4 inquiries about light bulbs

❖ **Website update** Dominique

* Dominique still making updates, board very pleased with her changes

❖ **Dumpster Stickers** Kathryn

* Waiting on guidance from Katie Wolf where they need to be placed

❖ **Light overpayment** Kathryn

* Megan unable to provide update as letter will be coming from city lawyers soon

❖ **Light project** Deborah

* We did not get to discuss Deborah’s efforts with Labyrinth but Megan states they do not have city permission to place lights in residential areas.
* Will discuss further at Aug meeting

**VI. New Business**

❖ **2020 Financial Statement Approval**  Terry 7:25-7:30 PM

* Tabled to August
* **Trash**
* Terry provided cost proposal for placement of trash receptacles and service to empty
* Estimate was based on trash can placement no further than 2 blocks apart with a total of 18 receptacles
* Approx $31,000 first year, $25,000 per year ongoing
* Kathryn mentions this represents about 30% of our budget
* Megan states one of the top complaints she gets is related to trash, and that SG CID is considering a similar project so we would possible not be responsible for receptacles along south grand

❖ **The City’s Finest** Presentation 7:30-7:50 PM

* Rob Betts provides verbal history and background of his company, highlights include:
  + Digital time clock with photos for officer accountability
  + Daily reporting system for events
  + Officers have GPS either handheld or in vehicle
  + All vehicles have cameras
  + Use of bikes, ATVs, and cars (although later states officers have to be certified to use bikes and most aren’t)
  + Cars labeled ‘Police’, not ‘Security’
  + Billing is done by reviewing nightly reports, comparing with GPS, ensuring officer stays inside district and does not have extended stops. Billing is reduced in 30 min increments if these happen
  + Monthly reports to track trends
  + Reports staffing is difficult right now due to low staffing of police dept and weekends and nights are hard to staff
  + Focuses on areas of crime saturation or wherever the board identifies
  + He reports larceny as being the most improved crime stat
  + Cannot guarantee crime reduction (correlation vs causation), perception of safety by residents is goal
  + Hires officers mostly based on referrals from current employees, states he has high standards
  + Will assign project manager to us
  + Discussed concerns about follow through of a contract as he previously would not contract with us. He reports he cannot guarantee until he knows budget
  + Comments from guests: Simone not that impressed (although noted she does not live in district); Chris did not like the do your crime elsewhere comment; Megan suggests focusing more on infrastructural safety projects; Andrew notes concern about comment Rob made in an article about his camera business and that he is not bound to sunshine laws since he is private business

**VII. Floor Open** 8:00-8:10 PM

* Katy resigning her position due to time constraints
  + This will be her last meeting. The board is very grateful for her service and expertise
  + Lauren will take over Twitter account
  + Kathryn knows of an interest potential commissioner and will reach out to them
* Carrie called library and since they are on reduced hours all meetings need to be complete by 7:30 pm so this will not work for our annual meeting
* Dominique motions we discuss in person meeting in January

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VIII. Adjournment 8:10 PM

* Adjournment at approx 9:30 pm, remaining agenda items tabled until Aug meeting