

**CWE Southeast Business District
Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, 2014**

Commissioners present: Yusef Scoggin, Dennis Overton, Tiffany Small, Teri Pesapane, Jeff Miner

Commissioners not present: Kate Chambers,

Others present: Gelinda Connell (Park Central), Jim Whyte (NSI), Ron Coleman (City of St. Louis), Sarah Wickenhauser (NSI)

Call to Order

Called to order at 4:30pm

Vendor reports

TCF

Did not attend.

NSI

Jim presented crime stat packages and reviewed. Auto theft is on the rise and the NSI is communicating with the Anti-theft unit to develop a strategy to combat the increase. Person and property crime rates have diminished. NSI and NSO have been communicating with SLHA regarding the property at 4451 Forest Park parkway. District 5 is now involved. Officer Lindsey Suding has been assigned to the building. YS asked about followup to recent incidents. Jim notes that witnesses have not been cooperative, that the recent shooting was not associated with the building but happened outside of the building. Commissioners are concerned that witnesses are not cooperating and consider offering incentives to cooperate. NSI suggests working through Crimestoppers which already has a program in place to incentivize cooperation.

The contract with TCF was presented by Jim. He asked for questions. TP noted that it should state in the contract the terms for General Performance and whether commissioners should create the criteria for performance, who the SBD representative should be and requested a review of the COI to be sure that all points and pertinent information is covered.

WUMCRC has restructured its financial commitment to the camera project removing time constraints. The contract is ready to sign, counsel is drafting an agreement for SBDs. A vendor has been selected, sites have been selected. Jim hopes that the financial contribution, outside of funds for maintenance and internet access, will be good for three (3) years following the installation of the system. TP recommends including in the vendor contract fines for non-completion by due date.

NSO

Ron talked about the property at 4451 Forest Park Parkway. They may be able to upgrade cameras through the capital budget although monitoring may be an issue. The budget for the property was cut by 50% in the past fiscal year. There have been discussions about adding the property to the SLMPD special patrols in anticipation of the Blumeyer teardown, but the police force will not be reallocated. Drug detecting dogs are an option that management would be willing to explore. The demographic for the building will not change because of HUD requirements. SLHA buildings are also more difficult to designate as nuisance properties because tenants frequently have no place to go – this tends to be last resort housing for many. Commissioners ask if the bar/ban list can be viewed by SLMPD and checked for those with warrants. It is possible. TP recommends introducing idea of a Tenant Council. Next steps are a goodwill meeting between NSI, SLMPD and the Exec. Dir of SLHA.

Minutes and Financial report

Minutes reviewed. TP/YS approved all ayes.

Planter islands on 43xx Laclede and @ Sarah and West Pine need beautification. Commissioner want to contribute to beautification but need to understand how many hours of volunteer work are needed to maintain? History of materials, cost.

Committee is still in need of two renters to fill spots.

New business

Gelinda will update commissioners via email regarding the lighting project on Laclede and its status.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35pm DO moved / TP second all ayes

The next meeting will be on **June 17, 2014**