CWE Southeast Business District Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes 4:30 p.m. Tuesday June 17, 2014

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

Commissioners not present: Kate Chambers, Teri Pesapane

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

Pannetone, Sandy Hopkins, Ron Jackson and Sandra Zak

Call to Order

Called to order at 4:30pm

The meeting started with residents in attendance to ask about the change in the parking permit process. Residents wanted to understand why they are now being charged for permits while residents in the South are not. Brooks Goedeker explained the change in Park Central's financial situation in an effort to provide the background for the change. Yusef explained the SE SBDs decision not to cover the cost. The SBD's position is that the funds raised are for safety and security, beautification and infrastructure needs. Given the potential for parking permit district expansion in the SBD there are concerns that the demand for permits would negatively affect the availability of funds for safety and security. Once the members of the public shared their concerns, the commissioners discussed. The SBD decided not to fund parking permits in the SE due to the potential for growth in expenditures to the program, because parking is not a specified use for the funds and because the permit districts do not benefit the entire SBD.

Minutes from May 20, 2014 meeting

DO/motioned JM/ seconded all ayes. Approved.

Vendor reports

TCF

Did not attend.

NSI

Crime has decreased 49% overall. Jim presented the Crime stats packet. JM and RC discussed 4451 Forest Park property. Met with them once and an additional meeting is forthcoming. Managers are open to many options to help stem issues coming from the property. Jim and Ron suggested collaboration with WU's Social work program to help residents with problems that may lead to criminal activity. The SLMPD was asked to provide a housing officer. The SLHA notes that drug sweeps are common in their buildings. Jim made it clear those activities that happen in and surrounding the building have a great impact on the overall area and especially on the crime statistics for the CWE.

Cameras

Jim noted that three of six SBDs have made their contributions for the camera program and asked the SE to consider doing the same. He asked commissioners to sign the agreement so that the NSI can

NSO

Minutes and Financial report

Minutes reviewed. TP/YS approved all ayes.

New business

The West Pine Laclede association is preparing a proposal for maintenance of the planter islands at the 43xx Laclede and Sarah and West Pine. Commissioner want to contribute to beautification but need to understand how many hours of volunteer work are needed to maintain?

Commissioners wish to create communication for those who will be affected by the upcoming lighting project on Laclede. Gelinda will examine an overall communication strategy for the SE.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm DO moved / TS second all ayes The next meeting will be on **July 15, 2014**