

**CWE Southeast Business District
Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
4:30 p.m. Tuesday August 19, 2014**

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

Commissioners not present: Tiffany Small

Others present: Gelinda Connell (Park Central), Jim Whyte (NSI), Sarah Wickenhauser (NSI), Carolyn Compton (NSI), Charles Betts (TCF), Laura Cohen (resident and WPLNA member)

Call to Order

Called to order at 4:40pm

WPLNA request for support

Gelinda presented a proposal for over \$10k per year from Top Care for the scope of service requested by the WPLNA. Laura Cohen (WPLNA) was surprised at the amount needed to perform the tasks, as were the CWESBD commissioners. Commissioners and Laura discussed best ways to decrease dependence on contractors to complete tasks. YS asked Laura to organize and task list and get commitments from gardeners in an attempt to manage the need from WPLNA. Laura agreed to ask the WPLNA. Brooks Goedeker introduced the idea of adding an employee to Park Central responsible for maintenance of green spaces and agreed to come back to the committee in the future with a proposal. Laura mentioned that over 2000 tree in the 17th Ward need pruning; Brooks asked if Ward funds could be used for that task. Ron Coleman noted that all trees are pruned on a schedule that spans years and that doing them all at once would be impossible because of manpower and the expense associated with pruning.

TCF

Charles Betts noted that the SLMPD is on mandatory 12 hour shifts due to the events in Ferguson. This affects TCFs staffing abilities. TCF will give priority to CWE accounts and will manage staff accordingly. He asked that commissioners contact him with any concerns.

NSI

The NSI reports that H3 studio was burglarized again. They continue to work with H3, the SLMPD and the Alderman to apprehend the suspects and make improvements to the studios security.

Jim reports that the camera contract should be finalized this week. Introduced Carolyn Compton, court advocate and encourages commissioners to interact with her.

NSO

Problem tenants at West Pine are gone. No other reports.

Minutes from July 15, 2014 meeting

TP/motioned DO/ seconded all ayes. Approved.

Financial report

New business

Commissioners asked to seek out additional proposals for tree maintenance along Sarah Street. Gelinda will reach out to tree maintenance companies to solicit bids based on what Top Care is currently doing plus the recently recommended additional services. Commissioners asked that adding a renter to the committee be added to the next agenda. Commissioners also want to reach out to the Central West End Association to create come connection between the two entities.

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm

The next meeting will be on **September 16, 2014**