

**Business Loop Community Improvement District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Parkade Plaza
601 Business Loop 70 West #128
Columbia, MO 65203

Thursday, February 18, 2016
8:00 am

Present:

Gary Ennis
Tom May
Paul Land
Vicki Kemna
Dave Griggs
Cris Burnam
Carrie Gartner

Asst. Chief John Gordon
Anthony Phillips, Phoenix Health Programs
James Gruender - Passions
Jack Miller- True Media
Jennifer Henderson
Ben Gakinya - Parkade
Alicia Stice - Columbia Tribune

May opened the meeting. Land moved to accept the minutes with the correction regarding May's attendance, Ennis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Gartner presented financials for December and January and provided an update on property assessments. Griggs moved to accept the minutes, Land seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Presentation by Philips and Gordon on the problems with panhandling, homelessness, transiency, and substance abuse.

In Boone County, there are between 60 and 80 homeless individuals at a time, most are transients. Phoenix is working with a number of other organizations to bring that number down and are beginning with a survey of people to determine what their needs are. Gordon emphasized that the police are available for violent or threatening behavior but would prefer to address the problem at the root (ie, substance abuse, mental illness, etc.)

Gordon also spoke briefly about the city's three strategic neighborhoods and in particular, the one just south of the Business Loop.

The first step to addressing panhandling and related problems will be to begin educating members along The Loop about the problem and the services available to help people in need. Phillips provided a list of resources that Gartner will distribute. She will also coordinate with Phoenix Health on possible long term solutions.

Committee Formation.

In an effort to engage more members, particularly those with expertise in certain areas, the board decided to form some preliminary committees. Gartner will work on a list for approval.

Banners.

Gartner has been working with the Museum of Art and Archaeology to place banners on the 7 poles along the Mizzou North property. The museum has funds for the banners and Gartner presented a draft budget for banner hardware and installation.

Burnam motioned to approve the project, Griggs seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. Gartner will provide a banner policy at the next meeting to review and any banners must go through the board for approval.

Employee Handbook.

May and Gartner are working on this project and will present a draft to the board.

Director's Report

Adopt-a-Bike.

Gartner is on the board of PedNet and suggested that their Adopt-a-Bike program may be a good way to get bikes into these strategic neighborhoods. Several board members offered assistance.

Sidewalk Update.

Gartner provided an update on the latest sidewalk project.

The remainder of her update was provided in a document to the board and guests.

Public Comment

James Gruender from Passions recommended that the board focus on structure at this point, rather than planning or content topics.

Jennifer Henderson asked if the board would expand the number of board members. That is in violation of the bylaws. The board also recommended any interested in being more involved volunteer for a committee assignment.

Meeting was adjourned.