

Business Loop Community Improvement District

Board of Directors Annual Meeting Minutes

601 Business Loop 70 West #128

Thursday, July 19, 2018 8:00 am

Present:

Lili Vianello

Dave Griggs

James Roark-Gruender

Ryan Euliss

Jeff Spencer

Linda Schust

Carrie Gartner

John Frerking

Jack Maher

Linh Nguyen

Griggs opened the meeting. Vianello moved to accept the minutes with minor corrections, Spencer seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Gartner presented May financials. Vianello moved to accept the financials, Euliss seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Corridor Plan Next Steps

The board created a number of committees designed to tackle both long- and short- term Corridor Plan projects. These include: Steering Committee, Public Space, Public Art, Graphic Identity, Infrastructure, and Stormwater. The board began the process of defining roles and recommending members. Gartner will draft a formal list for board review and then post the openings. The board recommended committees include board members, members-at-large, planning committee members, and community members who may have expertise in a certain area.

Director's Report

Open Meetings

Gartner and Roark-Gruender attended an open meeting presentation by a city attorney and while we are following all current requirements, Roark-Gruender recommended two key changes. First, post the agenda on the outside door of Parkade Plaza in addition to the office door and city hall. Second, get in the habit of conducting roll call votes for every motion so individual votes can be recorded.

Shop Local CoMo Campaign

Gartner presented the Shop Local campaign, including Shop Local Stories on The Loop website and as boosted social media posts.

Traffic Box Art

Gartner met with Elise Buchheit of the Office of Cultural Affairs and she would be happy to work with us on traffic box and other art installations.

Small Scale Manufacturing Grant

Gartner submitted a grant to Smart Growth America/Economic Development Administration for free technical assistance with a plan to encourage local, small scale manufacturing to locate on the Business Loop. There are only 6 grants awarded nationwide so it is a long shot but it may start a good conversation about artisan industries in Columbia.

Public Comment

John Frerking mentioned that the Stormwater Committee should expand beyond the CID because the management solutions may as well. The board agreed.