

**Crossroads Special Business District Advisory Commission
MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED**

MEETING DATE: Thursday, April 21, 2022
 LOCATION: City Hall
 CALLED TO ORDER: 8:00 AM
 MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:28 AM
 NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 19, 2022

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Heidi Butts-Wiegand	X	
Joshua Tonnies	X	
Kelly Ruesing	X	
Alison Kinderfather	X	
Chris Westmeyer	X	
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Sarah Richardson, Council Liaison	X	
Eric Peterson, City Liaison	X	

Also in attendance:

Sgt. Jason Flanery – Traffic Unit, Webster Groves Police Department
 Officer Paul Boudreau – Community Engagement Officer, Webster Groves Police Department
 Fran Sudekum – Administrative Support

Streetscape Update

St. Louis County has submitted the federal grant application for the streetscape project to the East-West Gateway Council of Governments; grant approval announcements should be made mid- to late-summer. A copy of the application will be sent to Commission Members.

Commission Vacancies

The Commission has two vacancies. Any licensed business owner/agent or property owner within the boundaries of the Crossroads Business District is eligible to apply to be on the Commission. Heidi Butts-Wiegand has spoken with Alan Nehring, owner of Nehring Design and Julie Campbell, owner of Webster Art & Picture Framing, encouraging them to apply to be on the Commission; they are considering it. Meetings can take place anywhere the Commission determines as long as a web cam is available in order to use Zoom. The Commission can set the frequency and number of meetings; a schedule for future meetings will be discussed at next month’s meeting.

Curb Damage

Missouri American Water’s vehicles and equipment damaged the curbs in front of Digital Strike’s two buildings when they recently did some repair work in the District.

Trash Can Issue

The unsightly, overflowing trash can located in a highly visible spot by the former Kaegel Drug location continues to be a problem. It was emptied by Waste Management, but quickly filled up again is overflowing again. Since the bus stop it is located near is no longer active, Members would like to see the trash can moved or removed; will look at it next month's meeting.

Pickleball Tournament

As part of Digital Strikes' community outreach, they are putting on a Pickleball Tournament in August. Proceeds will benefit the Mighty Oakes Heart Foundation. A section of Gore and Kennilworth will be closed to vehicle traffic during the event. The tournament is open to all to participate and volunteers to help are welcome.

BDC Update

- The BDC has submitted a proposal to City Council recommending adding a Business Liaison position to the City staff; a copy has been emailed to Commission Members.
- The business community survey remains open hoping to get additional responses. It can be found on the Business Roundtable landing page within the City website. It's not required to answer all the questions in order to submit responses.

City/Council Update

- The monthly business license reports are available on the City's website.
- Northwest Coffee has opened in the Crossroads Schnucks.
- Officer Paul Boudreau is the new Community Engagement Officer.
- Balancing Act Software with the City budget is still available for input and can be found on the City's website.
- The City budget talks kick-off at City Council will be at the May 3rd meeting.
- The new Mayor and City Council was seated on April 19th.
- Council Commission Liaison assignments will be rearranged.
- Both Prop W (City Charter Review Board) and Prop U (Online Use Tax) passed.
- Fire Department awards ceremony at the firehouse on Saturday, April 23rd at 10:30 AM.
- Arbor Day was celebrated at Babre Park; 150 trees were planted.

Adjourned – Meeting adjourned at 8:28 AM.