

# Crossroads Special Business District Advisory Commission MEETING MINUTES

## APPROVED

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, June 21, 2023  
 LOCATION: City Hall  
 CALLED TO ORDER: 8:05 AM  
 MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:34 AM  
 NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, July 19, 2023

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Heidi Butts-Wiegand	X	
Joshua Tonnies	X	
Alison Kinderfather	X	
Chris Westmeyer	X	
Julie Campbell	X	
Jeff Sanders	X	
Julia Leenig	X	
David Franklin, Council Liaison		X
Eric Peterson, City Liaison	X	

Also in attendance:  
 Officer Ahmar Rasool – Webster Groves Police Department  
 Fran Sudekum – Administrative Support

**Approval of Minutes** – A motion to approve the April minutes was made by Jeff Sanders, seconded by Julia Leenig, and was unanimously approved.

### **Streetscape Project**

The Crossroads Streetscape Project is on time and on target. St. Louis County’s project webpage is now online. The County’s project name and number is – Big Bend Boulevard Resurfacing; #AR-1851 <https://stlouiscountymo.gov/st-louis-county-departments/transportation-and-public-works/active-construction-projects/big-bend-boulevard-ar-1851/>.

This fall and winter design element conversations will take place with Public Works and Commission Members, i.e. types of lighting, materials, functions. A few elements mentioned during the meeting included spaces to sit and eat within the District, the capability to hang over-the-street banners and/or lighting, over-the-road entryway signage, entryway markers, charging station in the South Parking Lot vs. the Alma Parking Lot, and safety of Hixson student pedestrians traversing the District.

### **4th of July Fireworks Viewing**

The District will again host viewing of 4th of July fireworks in the South Parking Lot; barricades will be delivered on July 3rd Heidi Butts-Wiegand will set them up on July 4th, a porta-potty will be available in the lot as well, Ms. Butts-Wiegand will be the contact for the ad in the WK Times announcing the hosting.

### **Hawken House Concert Series Sponsorship**

**MOTION:** Jeff Sanders made a motion to sponsor this year's Hawken House Concert Series for \$500, Josh Tonnie seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

### **Big Bend Railroad Club**

While the installation of several trees along Big Bend on the east side of the Big Bend Railroad Club and plantings along the sidewalk in front of the Club were purchased by the Crossroads Business District and installed by Members of its Commission, the property is private property and as such the ongoing maintenance of those plantings as well as mowing of the grassy areas around the Club are the responsibility of the Club. Recent social media posts erroneously stated otherwise.

### **District Landscaping**

Commission Members are concerned staffing issues in the Parks Department are adversely affecting the upkeep of the green spaces within and nearby the District.

### **Business Development Commission (BDC) Update**

**BDC Business Coffee** – The Business Coffee was held on May 17th at the Rec Center. The event was very well attended by numerous Webster Groves business owners. Comments and remarks are being reviewed and discussed by the BDC. Some items expressed included concerns about pedestrian safety at Big Bend and Elm and more beautification in the business areas across the City. The next Coffee will be held in August.

### **District/City/Council Update**

- City Council has passed the budget.
- The Street Improvement Fund is healthy.
- A grant has been submitted for a \$2.5M federal grant for 18 electric vehicle charging stations spread throughout the City.
- The City is applying for a federal Safe Street grant; traffic calming is one goal of the program.

**Adjourned** – Meeting adjourned at 8:34 AM.

**Meetings** – Next meeting July 19, No meeting in August.