



Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes – Thursday, September 14, 2023

Location: 3CDC Office, 1203 Walnut St

Attendance:

Board of Trustees: • Brian Banke (Chair) • Amanda Darnell • Jon Burger • Markiea Carter • Liz Keating • Kristi Farris • Harry Blanton

3CDC Staff and Guests: Jenni Wuestefeld • Tim Szilasi • David Vissman • Monica Morton • Marissa Reed • Alex Martin • Joe Rudemiller

A quorum being present, Brian Banke (Chair) called the DCID Board of Trustees Meeting to order on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at approximately 8:00 am.

I. Approval of Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the July 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes with no changes.

II. Finance

Tim Szilasi presented the treasurer's report for DCID. Mr. Szilasi reported results through August with projections through the end of the year. Next, Mr. Szilasi shared the budget for Fountain Square Management. Upon review of the budget Mr. Szilasi requested request a contribution of \$50,000 towards the operating budget for Fountain Square Management. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the request to contribute \$50,000. Next, Mr. Szilasi reviewed the budget for DCI with actuals through July 2023 and projections through end of year. Mr. Szilasi ended the Finance portion of the meeting with an update on staffing levels for the year and discussed staff turnover levels for operations. Joe Rudemiller then introduced Ashley Wilson, Communications Coordinator, Alex Martin, Community Engagement Coordinator and Reed Dorger, GIS Operations Analyst.

III. Public Safety

Mr. Vissman reviewed the hotspots downtown with the biggest challenge continuing to be Government Square. Mr. Vissman reported a meeting had been held with City officials and the DOHN school to discuss alternative transportation for the fall. Metro agreed to explore alternative routes for spring semester to reduce the number of students going through Government Square. Metro also committed to working to redesign the square to make it more defensible. Mr. Vissman then introduced a new outreach program that would target the youth population. Four youth outreach staff would be placed around Government Square late afternoon and evening to de-escalate situations, connect youth with activities sports and job programs while working in partnership with CPD. The cost for this program would be approximately \$80,000 for the school

year. Mr. Vissman asked the Board to consider paying \$40,000 from the DCID reserves to help cover the cost of the program.

The Board discussed the merits of the program and upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the request to use \$40,000 from the DCD Reserves to cover costs of a youth outreach team at Government Square.

Mr. Vissman continued with the public safety update. He indicated challenges still taking place in Piatt Park that continue to have a negative impact on businesses. Mr. Vissman noted an increase in nightly police patrols and additional police lighting.

Mr. Vissman shared the ongoing issues in the Court Street corridor and plans to mitigate some of aggressive panhandling in the area.

Joe Rudemiller shared an update on development in the area which included 8 executed leases for commercial spaces. The activation of these spaces should help bring positive activity to the area.

Finally, Mr. Vissman gave a brief update on the area surrounding Rusconi's and next steps.

IV. Public Realm

Marissa Reed gave an update on volunteer projects for the year and upcoming projects planned for the fall. Ms. Reed then updated the Board on lighting outages and needs for infrastructure improvements in areas with repeated or costly repairs. Next Ms. Reed shared the findings of a sidewalk condition study. Ms. Reed noted that 3CDC was working to develop a program for sidewalk restoration. Finally, Ms. Reed shared an update on the City tree planting contract. The City is in the process of selecting a new contractor to fill the contract. 3CDC is coordinated with Urban Forestry to come up with a plan for fall plantings.

V. Outreach

Ms. Reed shared some of the challenges the team was having with the outreach program and thoughts on overcoming some of the issues. Next, Ms. Reed reviewed the number of clients served through the end of July.

VI. Development

Joe Rudemiller shared the status of the new Convention Center Hotel including potential funding sources for the potential funding gap. Next, Mr. Rudemiller gave an update on the demolition of the Convention Place Mall and plans for the redevelopment of the Saks building.

VII. New Business

The Board discussed the potential transformation of the Central Parkway corridor between Plum and Liberty.

With there being no further business, Mr. Banke adjourned the DCID Board of Trustees Meeting at 9:04 a.m.