

## **Cherokee CID Public Meeting Minutes**

*September 19, 2019*

CALL TO ORDER: 5:42

**Board Members in attendance at August Public Meeting:** Ron Strawbridge, Jason Deem, Jessica Douglass, Mark Nevelow, Kate Burrus, Dasia Vance, Jessie Chappel, Will Liebermann, Justin Harris, Mike Glodeck, Kaveh Razani, John Joern

**Review of August Public Meeting Minutes:** Kaveh motioned to approve, Jessie seconds, all in favor, none opposed.

**Ron Strawbridge** presented the protocol for CID Public Meetings.

### **Public Officials:**

- **Dan Guenther** shared info about the City's job fair on Sept. 24th, updates with the Cure Violence program ([cureviolence.org](http://cureviolence.org)) - with Gravois Park discussed as a possible focus area, and info about the Cats and Cake Walk on Antique Row, Bluewood Brewery and Mac's Block Party and, Venice Cafe Street artist Festival
- **Lisa Otke** - No announcements
- **Barb Potts** will be training a new Neighborhood Stabilization Officer and will be accompanied by that trainee. NSOs are also engaged in the annual street light project to check for street lights that are out.
- **Benton Park West Neighborhood Association's** Chris Schmitt shared info for Trunk or Treat - taking place October 27th from 4-6 PM at the Salvation Army parking lot.

### **Committee Updates**

- **Beautification** (Jessica Douglass)
  - Parking Day to be held tomorrow (Sept. 20th) up and down Cherokee Street.
  - Beautification Committee will be hosting a planter day to plant new Missouri natives (from Brightside grant) in the planters on Sunday October 6th.
  - The committee is also working on issuing an RFP for a Landscaper to pull weeds and take care of green space along Cherokee Street. More info to be shared at the next meeting.
    - Pacia asked if there will be a preference for local, minority-owned, women-owned businesses. Jessie Chappel volunteered to look for language to include in the RFP.
- **Public Safety** (Mark Nevelow)
  - Ameren has replaced all alley lights in the district with brighter LED lights. If folks see a light that is out or an area without a light, please contact Emily.
  - The CID has approved a 3-month pilot to hire secondary officers for 2 high crime nights/days through the SLMPD. A public meeting dedicated to public safety will be held in a few months to gather public feedback on continuing the effort beyond 3-months.
- **Events Committee** (Dasia Vance)
  - The newly-formed events committee is working on ways to support events on Cherokee Street - including sponsorship and promotion.

- Upcoming events the CID is supporting include Spookapalooza and Cherokee Street Jazz Crawl.

### **Open Projects + New Business:**

- **Tim Woods** shared info about Lazy Sunday Flea Market - the upcoming makers market hosted by Green Earth Art and Earthbound on Sunday October 6th.
- **Nanyamka Ewing** shared info about Spookapalooza and made a call for volunteers to help out with the event the day of, sponsorships and donations.
- **Diana and Birdie** shared info about the Forgotten haunted house dance show at Intersect Arts. They also announced plans for a spring dance concert on Cherokee Street and advertised a potential collaboration with businesses to create dance videos that show off Cherokee venues.

### **Additional Events & Announcements**

- Thomas Dunn has a youth employment program for stagecraft, with opportunities starting at \$10/hour
- The STL Metro Market will be coming to Cherokee Street on Saturday November 9th
- Bridge Bread shared info on their new Park and Parking space, behind their storefront on Ohio.
- Cherokee Street Gallery will host a sound and art event on Sunday September 29th with tickets on their facebook page, and a free Artist Talk on October 5th.
- Common Sound Festival will take place October 5th with arts and music in Marquette Park. Folks that are interested in volunteering should reach out to Dutchtown South Community Corporation
- Artist Art is hosting a Wine Down Wednesday fundraiser for Cara Spencer and Dan Guenther on Wednesday October 15th from 5-8.

ADJOURNED: 6:44 PM