



CHEROKEE STREET
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
3407 S. Jefferson Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63118

SPRING PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Cherokee Street Community Improvement District Public Meeting

Thursday, April 18th, 2023 - 5:30PM

Location: The Golden Record

Attendees: CID Board of Directors, City Officials, General Public

1. **Call to Order** 5:41 pm
2. **Introductions**
 - o **New Business Intros**
 - 15 Windows Gallery, Bryan Walsh, near STL Style & Muurlones. Next gallery opening Friday, May 3
3. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - o Motion: Oberfrank; 2nd WJL
4. **Brief Announcements from Public Officials:**
 - o Chelsea Merta with Alderperson Sonnier's Office — 7th Ward
 - 1 year anniversary
 - 'Year of the Tenant' successes, sponsored or co-sponsored by Alderwoman Sonnier:
 1. Rental registry
 2. Safe temperatures and landlords
 3. Right to Counsel
 4. Impacted Tenants Fund
 - Other sponsored or co-sponsored achievements
 1. TADAA (Tax Accountability and Development Act)
 2. Reporting previous tax incentives
 3. Regulations for AirBnB and short term rentals
 4. Legislation to regulate commercial private surveillance drones
 5. Community control over police surveillance
 - Also sponsoring unhoused legislation to make it easier to open a housing shelter and zoning concerns

- Next town hall on May 15 at Rita Ford Center 3353 California at 6pm
 - Ofc. Rosa Rojas - SLMPD — not present
 - Lisa Otke - SLDC Neighborhood Manager
 - Town Hall for neighborhoods at Thomas Dunn Learning Center, 3113 Gasconade St. at 6-8pm.
 1. Next one is for BPW, Gravois Park and Marine Villa
 2. Can go to any town hall; Focus on housing and education
 - 2 loan programs:
 1. Contractors, suppliers
 2. Small business and nonprofits
 - Program for down payment assistance program for 1st time home buyers whose income is 80% AMI.
 - US Dept of Treasury's department of reporting business ownership
 - City Planning department will be at Town Hall talking about Green Line
 - Benton Park West Neighborhood - Brennan England, president
 - BPW Neighborhood Assoc meeting is after this meeting

5. Main Topics: Cinco de Mayo Plans

- Festival Day — Saturday May 4th (Sara Levin)
 - New footprint, limited entrances with bag check, enhanced security, fantastic activities and entertainment
 - Volunteer opportunities!
- Sunday May 5th (Emily Thenhaus)
 - The festival is on Saturday. But the 5th is always a big gathering despite the festival on 4th
 - Additional street cleaning has been hired for Sunday.
 - Additional security officers 12-6. SLMPD will assist with cruising detail. Vehicles parking in middle of street becomes a problem on 5th. Cruising detail will block Cherokee at Jefferson and Nebraska if needed.
 - Please lead by example and party on Saturday. Please try to keep our community clean and calm on Sunday.
 - Conversations continue with community, businesses, police, city services to try to balance the 5th and the festival

6. Additional Brief Updates from Cherokee CID / Cherokee Street Foundation

- o This Sunday is the opening of the reimagined Love Bank Park. A big celebration! 12-4 Ribbon cutting at 12:30 pm. Performances, basketball and giveaways, art making, free pizza, free drinks, black lemonade, chess tables. Many more events to come at Love Bank!
- o Sunday 10:00 am the fence comes down at Love Bank!
- o Mural installed on Friday!
- o Marketing committee is working on series of videos on the clothing/fashion shops.
- o Beautification committee is planning to plant in the planters
- o People's Parade will live on. All can participate. There's grants and help for producing for the parade.

7. Community Announcements / Public Comment & Discussion

Thank you to My Marie for the food tonight!

Motion to adjourn: WJL 6:22 pm