

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

**APPROVED**

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, April 14, 2016  
 LOCATION: City Hall  
 CALLED TO ORDER: 8:02 AM  
 MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:02 AM  
 NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 12, 2016

<b>NAME</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Bob Springer, Chair	X	
Heidi Butts-Wiegand		X
Christi Johanningmeyer	X	
Kay Ramsey	X	
Joshua Tonnies		X
Kelly Ruesing	X	
Vacancy		
Toni Hunt, Council Liaison	X	
Mara Perry, Staff Liaison	X	

Also in attendance:

Shawn Greene – Webster Groves Historical Society  
 Toby James – Lewis & Associates, PC  
 Paul Metzler – Big Bend Railroad Club  
 Fran Sudekum – Administrative Support

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the February minutes was made by Christi Johanningmeyer, Seconded by Kelly Ruesing, unanimously approved.

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

Paul Metzler of the Big Bend Railroad Club shared with the Commission that his club has made a few adjustments to safety aspects of the station. They are working with the City building commission to come in and review.

Toby James of Lewis & Associates, PC feels the new recycle bin is too large; it takes up two parking spaces in the public parking lot on Alma that he felt were needed for cars. Mr. James also pointed out there are weeds growing in the cracks of the concrete in front of several of the businesses, including Lewis & Associates, PC and wanted to know why they haven't been sprayed with weed killer. Mara Perry informed Mr. James weed control was the responsibility of the property owner. Previously, property owner John Lark had taken it upon himself to spray weed killer on his property as well as his neighboring business owner's properties; however, Mr. Lark is no longer a property owner in the

District. Mr. James felt the weeds made the District look bad. An invitation was then extended to Mr. James and any of his fellow colleagues at Lewis & Associates, PC to fill the vacancy on the Commission and help be a part of the cooperative work done in the District; Mr. James declined for himself and on behalf of his business associates as well.

Shaw Greene of the Webster Groves Historical Society shared with the Commission their plans to start having free concerts in front of the Hawkins House in Southwest Park. The first concert would be on May 28, 2016 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Historical Society and the 190th of the Hawkins House. Then their plan is to continue having free concerts every Monday night in June. Mr. Greene is looking for sponsors to help defray the costs of putting on the concerts and was hoping the Crossroads District would want to get involved. He will send sponsorship program information to Mara who will then distribute it to Commission members.

### **RECYCLE BIN**

Options were discussed on possible changes to the new recycle bin on the Alma public parking lot. It currently takes up two parking spaces and is not yet fully utilized. It is new and businesses are not used to it being available. Other locations were discussed, however, access for use and trash pickup for the alternate locations were not viable and in some cases not on public property.

It was decided to go to a 2-Yard sized bin which takes up less room, but keep it on Alma. Kelly and Christi offered to visit with their fellow business owners to remind them the bin is available for use.

### **STREETSCAPE PROJECT**

Mara Perry got in touch with CBB to get the traffic counts going before school lets out. All in attendance agreed the traffic counts/study needed to move forward with CBB. Mara will have CBB come to the next meeting with the numbers and next steps and address time frames.

Mara shared with the Commission to use cones on a temporary basis to try out different traffic routing scenarios; she had recently attended a conference explaining how it has worked in other communities.

### **CITY UPDATE**

- The gas station at Big Bend and Laclede is now open.
- Webster University will be breaking ground on their new interdisciplinary sciences building in the middle of the campus any day now.
- Great Circle's Phase II expansion has a spring start and should finish by end of summer.
- Green Goose Resale and AT&T Cellular are going in at Yorkshire Plaza.

- The Bend (a hair salon) is open in Old Orchard.
- The former Clover location is now Design House in Old Orchard.
- The former Red Lead location is now Delve MIY in Old Webster.
- 16 new homes are currently under construction; some are tear downs and some are from selling off side lots.
- MSD has over 440 projects going on around the City.
- AT&T is putting in higher speed lines; unfortunately, they have put up some boxes without the proper permits and they aren't to code and will have to be redone.
- The City Council will be looking at rotating council liaisons on the boards and commissions.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There is trash can located by the bus stop on the south side of Big Bend near Elm that is always full and overflowing; is it owned by the District or the property owner. Mara will check the list and if owned by the District make sure it's on the trash pickup route.

A drill was stolen out of one of the Coltrane trucks while it was parked on one of the back lots overnight. Trucks are not to be parked on the lots overnight.

District employees are using the public lot for parking instead of their own lot making it difficult for customers to park in the public lot.

### **ADJOURNED**

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 AM.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 8:00 AM – City Hall.