

Crossroads Special Taxing District

MINUTES

Meeting Date:	Tuesday, September 16, 2014
Meeting Called to Order:	8:30 A.M.
Meeting Adjourned:	9:40 A.M.
Next Meeting Date:	Tuesday, October 21, 2014

ROLL CALL

Name		
Heidi Butts-Wiegand	Present	
Alan Nehring	Present	
Kay Ramsey	Present	
Bob Springer	Present	
Christi Johanningmeyer	Present	
Toni Hunt-Council Liaison		Absent
Mara Perry-Dir. Planning & Development	Present	
Richard Scholl	Present	
Ken Rimmel	Present	

Items Discussed: September 16, 2014

Approval Of Minutes From August 19, 2014: Alan offered a motion to approve, Kay seconded; the minutes were approved with no objections.

Visitor Comments: Alan used this moment to hand out fliers promoting the annual blood drive on October 1, 2014 for his late son, Caleb.

City Update: Tonight's City Council meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, September 19, and moved to the Rec Center due to overflow crowds. Mara reported multiple calls of interest for the Zisser Building @ Big Bend & S. Gore. She hopes through the active marketing by the owner that there's a buyer soon.

New Business: Nothing new to report.

Old Business:

District Funding & Planning Options: Mara shared e-mail information about free pedestrian design options available to Crossroads District through the American Planning Association & The Lawrence Group. It involves a quick analysis of 2 blocks of streetscape. This is tied to the APA's conference in St. Louis. Mara quickly answered the e-mail by emphasizing Crossroads qualifications for this program: basically 2 blocks long and a taxing district. Mara said this is a great opportunity for Crossroads.

1998 Booker Concept Plan: Mara reviewed a summary of the Crossroads Work Shop held on September 11, 2013. She then asked for feedback on the Booker Concept Plan. Bob saw 19-23 suggested items (many of which have been accomplished). This is the first time he's read the concept plan. Many items covered in the Booker Study are relevant 15 years later. He cited p. 27 as a beautiful rendition of planting and fencing possibilities. Kay commented that the District has accomplished many things within our fund limitations. She believes everyone is interested in coming up with realistic plans. Kay added that now is the time to start working with St. Louis County since the approval process takes time. Contact with St. Louis County will take place between now and the October 21, 2014 meeting. Kristi expressed interest in cool lighting in the "bump out" area of the District. Mara will speak to the Webster City Manager. She added that if the District does not receive a Lawrence Group honor, we could allocate more funds for the matching program.

The discussion shifted to how the RR station figures in to Booker Study which Ken said he saw recently for the first time. Bob said arrangements must be made by the train station owners to secure resources to improve it; Bob added he doesn't see strong interest from the RR in this respect. The City is not planning any commercial dealings for the RR. Bob said that if the RR does not want to contribute to the revitalization of the District, the next step may well be condemnation of the building. He proposed a last chance effort for all pertinent parties to get together and discuss options for the betterment of the community; beautifying the western entrance of Crossroads would be a clear benefit. Mara asked Ken if the RR Club could meet before the October Crossroads meeting, and they could discuss what we did today. She requested Ken get back to her with results of the RR special meeting.

Agenda Items For October 21, 2014 meeting: New Business: Discuss Façade Improvement Program, BDC Holiday Planning

Kay offered a motion to adjourn, Christi seconded; the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.