

Crossroads Special Business District Advisory Commission MEETING MINUTES

APPROVED

MEETING DATE: Thursday, May 9, 2019
LOCATION: City Hall
CALLED TO ORDER: 8:08 AM
MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:54 AM
NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 13, 2019

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Bob Springer, Chair	X	
Heidi Butts-Wiegand		X
Christi Johanningmeyer	X	
Joshua Tonnies	X	X
Kelly Ruesing		
Alison Kinderfather	X	X
Vacancy		
David Franklin, Council Liaison	X	
Mara Perry, Staff Liaison	X	

Also in attendance:

Sergeant Jason Flanery – WGPS Traffic Unit
Detective Fred Bell – WGPS Community Resource Officer
Police Officer Ahmar Rasool – WGPS Traffic Unit
Shawn Greene – Webster Groves Historical Society
Anne McReynolds – Webster Groves Historical Society
Fran Sudekum – Administrative Support

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the March minutes was made by Alison Kinderfather, seconded by Joshua Tonnies and unanimously approved.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Shawn Greene, Webster Groves Historical Society –The Historical Society is asking once again for the Crossroads District to sponsor their 4th Annual Hawken House Concert Series at Southwest Park on Monday evenings: June 10th, July 8th, August 12th, and September 9th.

HAWKEN HOUSE CONCERT SERIES SPONSORSHIP

Last year there was an issue with an organization not a part of the Crossroads District's sponsorship of the concert series being presented at the event as if they were sponsors when in fact they were not. As can be expected, many Commission Members were upset at the time and wanted assurances from the Historical Society this would not happen again. Any continued support would come with the stipulation that only actual sponsors will be on display at the event, non-sponsors will not share the venue or appear to be part of the Crossroads sponsorship. Shawn Greene stated he was unaware of the 2018 problem but assured Members a repeat would not happen this year and asked if any issues did arise to please contact him immediately and directly.

MOTION: Christi Johanningmeyer made a motion to sponsor the 2019 Hawken House Concert Series in the amount of \$500 with the stipulation only actual sponsors will be on display at the event, non-sponsors will not share the venue or appear to be part of the Crossroads sponsorship. The motion was seconded by Joshua Tonnies and passed by a vote of 3 to 1. Commission Members voting yes were Christi Johanningmeyer, Joshua Tonnies, and Alison Kinderfather. Commission Member voting no was Bob Springer.

PARKING-TRAFFIC

Sergeant Jason Flanery and Police Officer Ahmar Rasool of the WGPD Traffic Unit introduced themselves and shared Officer Rasool's role as the new traffic enforcement officer and informal liaison with the business districts. Common traffic, parking, and pedestrian issues occurring in the District were discussed.

STREETSCAPE UPDATE

Crossroads was not awarded the federal STP grant. Mara Perry will talk with City Manager Steve Wylie and Director of Public Works Todd Rehg about possible streetscape next steps or mini projects the City could pursue and will bring options to Commission Members at the next meeting.

CITY UPDATE

- Story Seven will be opening in the former HooPLa location in Old Webster.
- Chase Bank will be opening in the former Massage Envy location in Old Webster.
- The Brew Pub et al. project in the former Auto Beauty location in Old Webster has all their permits. They are pursuing historic tax credits. Their parking study is still ongoing.
- Reliance Bank in Yorkshire Plaza is changing to Simmons Bank.
- Ever Love Adult Day Care is moving from its Crossroads location to a location on Watson Road and a medical office from Clayton will be moving into the Crossroads space.
- Blue Dahlia will be opening in a portion of the former ScholarShop location; a nail salon may be opening in the remaining portion.
- The Regents Bank project in the former Gerber Chapel location has not yet submitted their associated retail plans.
- The demo permits for the YMCA building are expedited any day now.
- Affordable housing is being looked at by City Council; information is available on the City's website.
- Work on Home-Occupation Businesses and to the Historical Preservation ordinance are moving forward to City Council in June.
- Building Commissioner Mike Harney is retiring.

• **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 8:00 AM – City Hall.