

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

APPROVED

MEETING DATE: Thursday, January 10, 2019
LOCATION: City Hall
CALLED TO ORDER: 8:03 AM
MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:02 AM
NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 14, 2019

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

Also in attendance:

Ken Rimmel – Big Bend Railroad Club

Paul Metzler – President of Big Bend Railroad Club

Danny Jendusa – Planner, Webster Groves Planning & Development Department

Detective Fred Bell – WGPLD Community Engagement Officer

Fran Sudekum – Administrative Support

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

VISITOR COMMENTS

Ken Rimmel and Paul Metzler – The Big Bend Railroad Club is featured in the January issue of Model Railroader Magazine. Mr. Rimmel and Mr. Metzler inquired about confusion over sponsorship of the 2018 Hawken House Concert Series. The Commission explained a perception occurred during the event that their club was a sponsor of the event as part of the Crossroads Business District's sponsorship; when in fact they were not. An explanation of the sponsorship and how sponsors are recognized during the event was shared with Mr. Rimmel and Mr. Metzler.

STREETSCAPE UPDATE

- The revised STP funding application is due February 14 at 4:00 PM. The revised application includes addition items such as more bumpouts, decorative pedestrian lamp posts, and safer sidewalks. Dave Christensen (CBB) is handling the application submission. Commission members will be asked to submit comments to support the project. New additions will increase the applications point value and better the chances of receiving the grant; the additions will also increase the cost of the project. We should hear in late fall if the grant has been awarded.

- Related: Baker Avenue Project; will focus on the STP grant first before looking to continue with Baker Avenue.
- Related: #WG Visual Project; the Arts Commission is handling this project, Mara will get information to provide to Commission Members.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Commission members reviewed budget documents provided by Mara Perry showing where things stand currently and also a starting point for the next budget year. Items of discussion included: contribution to the BDC for holiday promotions and ongoing social media, 4th of July celebration, Hawken House Concert Series sponsorship, façade improvement program, streetscape plantings and their maintenance, snow removal, and potential items look at for next month's continued discussion.

The following items will be reviewed next month: a breakdown of items and activities handled by the Parks Department and their potential needs and/or new items needed for streetscape landscaping needs.

CITY UPDATE

- Cool Trane Building in Crossroads has been purchased by Alan Nehing and will be renovating soon.
- The dental practice in Crossroads next to the cleaners has been sold.
- Different medical offices are moving into the space in Crossroads that formerly housed the adult day care business and the surgery center.
- The tree preservation plan for the project at the former YMCA location has been approved.
- The Rolling Ridge Nursery project has been pushed to February Plan Commission meeting.
- Demolition for the project at the former Gerber Chapel location should start soon.
- Final approvals for the project at the former Auto Beauty location goes before the ARB; parking study still needed.
- Balkan Treat Box in Old Orchard will open soon.
- Firenza Pizza is open in Old Webster; Ziggy's Frozen Treats will open soon
- Layla will open in Old Webster the end of January or early February.
- Process continues on commercial zoning regulations amendments.
- Group Home zoning goes before City Council.
- Working on home-based business ordinance.
- Updates being made to cell tower ordinance.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 8:00 AM – City Hall.