

Crossroads Special Business District Advisory Commission MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: Thursday, January 21, 2021
 LOCATION: Zoom
 CALLED TO ORDER: 8:00 AM
 MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:52 AM
 NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 18, 2021

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Bob Springer, Chair	X	
Heidi Butts-Wiegand	X	
Christi Johanningmeyer	X	
Joshua Tonnies	X	
Kelly Ruesing	X	
Alison Kinderfather	X	
Chris Westmeyer	X	
Sarah Richardson, Council Liaison	X	
Mara Perry, Staff Liaison	X	

Also in attendance: Fran Sudekum – Administrative Support

Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the November minutes was made by Heidi Butts-Wiegand, seconded by Alison Kinderfather and unanimously approved.

Streetscape Project – Cochran Engineering has had to do some quarantining, so there has been a delay, but hopefully will have engineering drawings next month. Once drawings are finished, costs estimates can be calculated. Bob Springer requested preliminary drawings be ready for Mara to review in two weeks and give feedback on and then would be available to discuss and approved at the February Commission meeting. The project will likely have to be completed in phases as currently only \$100,000 has been allocated. The Public Works Department may be able to handle some items.

Big Bend Bridge Closure – The Big Bend bridge over Highway 44 will be closed for five months in 2022 which will increase traffic in the District as accessing the highway thru the Elm clover leaf will be an alternative. By that time Hixson will have three grades attending and student pedestrian traffic thru the District will have increased. The Public Works Department has requested St. Louis County move the bridge work to the summer when school is not in session.

Budget Review – Commission Members reviewed District revenue and expense items in order to start planning for next year’s budget. Mara Perry will provide hard copies of next year’s draft budget for next month’s meeting.

City Update

- Union Bagel’s plans are in; they plan to recreate the old Porter Paint striping in some fashion on the façade of the building.
- Le Macaron in Old Webster is back on track and is moving forward.
- DD Mau will be opening in the former Firenza Pizza location in Old Webster.
- A Wing Stop will be opening in Yorkshire Plaza.
- Lona’s Lil Eats will be opening in one of the properties formerly owned by Webster Groves Subaru in Old Orchard at Oakwood and Big Bend.
- Urgent Care will be going in at one of the properties formerly owned by Webster Groves Subaru at Big Bend and Laclede Station.
- Construction is slated to start in August on Old Orchard’s streetscape project; utility prep work has completed.
- Staff has finished their work on updating the parking code amendments.
- Hearings on changes to the residential code are scheduled.
- The Council is looking at the use of golf carts.
- The new City Manager has started.
- The City Council and all City departments are having diversity and inclusion equity audits.
- A use tax to level the playing field will be on the spring ballot.

Adjourned – Meeting adjourned at 8:52 AM.