

**Columbia Special Business District
Board of Directors Meeting
November 13, 2007, 4:00 p.m.
11 S. Tenth Street**

Present:

Blake Danuser, Bingham
Skip Walther, Walther, Antel, Stamper & Fischer, PC
Leigh Lockhart, Main Squeeze
Mike Vangel, Vangel Marketing Communications
Erika Kubsch, Assistant Director

Mary Wilkerson, Boone County National Bank
John Ott, The Tiger-Downtown
Chuck Wilms, Engagement Ring Center
Carrie Gartner, Executive Director

Absent:

Rosie Gerding, Gerding, Korte & Chitwood

Mark Timberlake, Timberlake Engineering

Guests:

Amanda Cushner-Columbia Missourian
Barbara Buck, Columbia Police Department
Ted Curtis, Non Motorized Transportation Program

Dan Cullimore, NCCNA
Corri Flaker, Non Motorized Transportation Program

Call to Order

Wilkerson called the meeting to order.

Approval of minutes

Wilms made a motion to accept the October minutes. Wilkerson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Vangel made a motion to approve the October financials. Lockhart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

NCCNA Task Force Committee Meeting-

Walther stated that this task force held a meeting with Bill Watkins and Paula Hertwig-Hopkins to discuss the proposed borders of the NCCNA. Walther explained that Hertwig Hopkins and Watkins want to support the SBD and a possible future expansion. Walther stated that the task forces' recommendation to the board is to oppose inclusion of property that has commercial or industrial business on it into the NCCNA, especially property that is close to the SBD borders to ensure that the SBD can expand in the future. Walther also stated that the task force believes these areas should be excluded from the overlay, Wyatt's Market and North Village. Timberlake stated that many business owners in the Wyatt's Market and North Village area do not want to be included in the NCCNA. Walther also stated that to take advantage of MODESA, there has to be a very broad district. If the SBD does choose to become into a CID, it would be most beneficial if the borders matched the MODESA borders. Gartner stated that since MODESA will bring design standards to the area, if both the SBD and the NCCNA are included in the MODESA area, it would be problematic to try and make design standards that work for both groups.

Business Environment Committee-

Ott stated that the committee discussed many ideas for the future of this committee. The main issue that Ott stated they want to tackle first is discussing issues with bar owners and their impact on *The District*. Ott stated that he wants to see if the bar owners feel responsibility to self regulate and keep a good business environment for other businesses in *The District*. Lockhart stated that they also wondered about the legal issues of bar owners hiring private security. Buck stated that off duty police officers are not allowed to provide security for bars, but bouncers and other security would be fine.

Bicycle Parking Plan-

Lockhart stated that a meeting to look over the bicycle parking plan by the Non Motorized Transportation Pilot Project took place with herself, Gartner and Tom Brinker, a member of the CCA board. Lockhart stated that the committee supported the plan and recommend that the board do the same. **Lockhart made a motion to approve the proposal bicycle parking pilot program. Wilms seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Public Safety Meetings-

Ott stated that he has been holding meetings at The Tiger to discuss vagrancy and public safety issues with people who could have a positive impact on reducing homelessness. Wilkerson stated that it is a very broad and diverse group. Lockhart asked about the "Real Change, Not Spare Change" campaign. Gartner stated that herself and Kubsch just had a meeting with the director of residential life at the University of Missouri and are trying to get them involved in educating students.

New Business

North Village Arts District-

Gartner stated that there was a meeting discussing the formation of a possible arts district in the north village area. Gartner stated that that area is currently not part of the SBD, so it is not a SBD committee, but something that the board should keep an eye on.

Director's Report

Request for Proposals-

Gartner stated that we have gotten eight RFPs and that the executive committee will look over them and then make a recommendation to the board. Timberlake asked what the timing would be on choosing a candidate. Gartner stated that the recommendation will be made at the December 11th meeting. Wilkerson stated that copies of the RFPs should be distributed to the whole board and that the executive committee will take comments from the other board members into consideration when choosing a candidate.

CCA Report

Twilight Festival-

Gartner stated that one of the two scheduled Twilight meetings to discuss the 2007 festival with members was canceled because of lack of attendance. Gartner stated that the framework for the festival will be the same for 2008 as well.

CCA Retreat-

Gartner stated that the CCA called a board retreat to rework what they do as a board. Gartner stated that they are looking at taking a more issue based stance on things and that they might want to start endorsing issues. Gartner stated that if the CCA and SBD take different positions on the same issue that that is not good for her. Ott stated that he is not comfortable with the division of Gartner's and Kubsch's time. He stated that SBD issues are often put on the back burner while CCA projects are handled and he feels this is too much of a burden on the office. Wilkerson stated that this will be a topic discussed and hopefully resolved with the consultant. Gartner stated that there is a possibility of an employee who just works on CCA things. Walther suggested asking the accountant to correctly allocate personnel funds, for example, if one-hundred percent of Kubsch's time is spent on CCA, then one-hundred percent of her salary should be paid by CCA. Walther stated that CCA doesn't recognize that one-hundred percent of staff salary is paid by SBD.

Public Comment

Cullimore stated that the neighborhood association is very interested in speaking with the SBD and working together to find a common goal.

Adjournment

The next meeting is Tuesday, December 11th.