

Cathedral Square Special Business District

Regular Meeting 6:30 p.m., February 16, 2022

The Greystone - 410 North Newstead Avenue

Commissioners Present: Imran Hanafi, Arthur Hoffman, Kenneth Sowell, Claudia Wall, Carolyn Welton (joined by telephone)

Commissioner Absent: Mike Roth

Others Present: Laurie Bushey and Mike Smith, residents of McPherson, Mark Wall, resident of Newstead, Gary Cole of GCI Security

Minutes were emailed before the meeting by acting secretary Carolyn Welton. A vote approving the minutes was deferred until all members had a chance to read the minutes.

Security Report

Cole summarized the month's activities. The major event was the carjacking on Maryland Avenue. It occurred at about 5 a.m. February 6 in front of 4377 Maryland. An apartment tenant (of the building at 4355 Maryland) parked his 2017 Mitsubishi on the street. A SUV with five young black males 18-21 pulled alongside his car. One of the men got out of the SUV, pointed a gun at the victim and said he would kill him if he did not hand over the keys. The keys were surrendered as requested. The man with the gun followed the SUV in the carjacked Mitsubishi as the two cars fled west on Maryland.

Other lesser crimes included car cloutings and what Cole noted has become a monthly report of theft from the Hampden Hall mailroom.

Hoffman reported that the Hampden Hall and other mailroom thefts might be linked to a break-in at The Greystone in which the suspect is believed to have taken something from the mailroom. More than a month ago the building's surveillance cameras captured a young black man forcing the front entrance. From there he went to the mailroom where he inspected the mail and then the garage where he checked residents' car doors. The building manager believes the suspect is a former custodian who was fired. The building manager has given the SLMPD images and last-known address of the suspect. Cole said he would share the information and images of the suspect with GCI officers. (NOTE: A few days after the meeting, the SLMPD issued an arrest order for the suspect identified by The Greystone building manager. Perhaps his arrest will lead to information that will solve other mailroom thefts in the district.)

Hanafi reported on a recent contact who represents a company offering a license-plate-reading camera that can be accessed directly by anyone given access. A two-year contract costs \$2400 per camera, not including a \$350 one-time installation fee. A termination fee for ending the contract before the 24-month contract is \$500.

Following discussion, the decision was made to do a Zoom presentation by the system's representative in which all questions by board members could be asked and answered.

Bushey reported on a conversation she had had with a resident who was unhappy with a call she had made to GCI. Cole said that this complaint had been investigated by GCI and a report was being prepared.

Financial

Wall distributed the final financial report on 2021 that has been given to the City. She also distributed the 2022 budget for the CSSBD.

Future business

Welton said that she will advise contractor Neuf that the CSSBD now wishes to take over updating the district's Internet site. The reason has nothing to do with previous work by the contractor but the belief that updates could be handled more quickly if done internally.

Sowell reported that residents of the 4300 block of Westminster Place now are considering who may wish to join the CSSBD board, replacing Roth.

The meeting was adjourned at about 7:55.

Submitted by acting secretary Arthur Hoffman