

Cathedral Square Special Business District

Regular Meeting 6:30 p.m., December 15, 2021

The Greystone - 410 North Newstead Avenue

Commissioners Present: Imran Hanafi, Arthur Hoffman, Kenneth Sowell, Carolyn Welton (attended by phone because of feeling ill)

Commissioners Absent: Mike Roth, Claudia Wall

Others Present: Laurie Bushey, resident of McPherson, Gary Cole and Ron Hasty of GCI Security

Minutes were approved as amended.

Security Report

Hasty summarized the month's activities, pointing out that there had been very little crime in the reporting period. He said that he believed that more residents were leaving their porch lights on and he had noticed more locks on alley entrances to backyards.

The proposal from Brown Dog on replacing the camera on Welton's residence that provides views of Boyle was reviewed. A question from absent Commissioner Wall was whether or not the new camera proposed could be transferred to the City if the District ever decided to transfer its surveillance assets to the SLMPD. The answer is no, because the SLMPD uses a different technology (Genentech) than the cameras used in the CSSBD, and the two technologies are not compatible. Changing to the technology used by the SLMPD would involve an extremely high upfront expense for the CSSBD with no material gain other than compatibility with the City system.

Other questions raised re the proposal called for clarification that Cole will obtain before the next meeting. Until that clarification from Brown Dog is available, a vote on the proposal was deferred.

Cole also said that a decision on where to locate the second surveillance camera on Boyle re-deployed from the 2nd Presbyterian site should be deferred until trees leaf out and a site that provides unobstructed views can be selected. His suggestion was adopted.

Treasurer's report

Wall had distributed a financial report in advance of the meeting. Nothing out of the ordinary was reported.

New business

Hanafi proposed a modern steel bench to be installed in concrete at the recently-completed Boyle/Maryland bike cut. Its cost would be \$2143 not including

installation. Further, he reported that the metal fence previously approved by the board now was being fabricated. He suggested that a decision on the bench be deferred until the fence is completed and we can better judge its compatibility with the design of the fence.

Hanafi also reported that the lighting project for the 4300 block of Maryland would cost \$294,130, including a \$4200 performance bond if required. Completion is projected for spring-summer of 2022. The motion was made and seconded to accept this cost. The motion passed unanimously.

Hanafi said that he would prepare a printed piece for residents of the block that would explain the project. Hoffman volunteered to prepare a news release for neighborhood media based on the printed piece.

Bushey had questions about what she considered unsightly plantings at the traffic bump-out on Maryland at King School. Hanafi explained that the plants were chosen because they were native perennials.

Hoffman reported on his discussion of the future of Taylor Park with Jim Dwyer of CWEN. Dwyer told Hoffman that the CWEN board had approved a budget of \$7500 per year to maintain Taylor Park and Kennedy Park. Dwyer also said that the McPheeters family had said it would provide about \$3000 annually for Taylor Park maintenance. Dwyer asked the CSSBD board to demonstrate its commitment to partner with other SBDs by adding funds to maintain Taylor Park in its annual budget, beginning in 2022.

Hoffman made a motion that the CSSBD formally budget \$3000 for maintenance of Taylor Park in its 2022 budget. Assuming that half the CWEN \$7500 park budget would go to Taylor Park, the CSSBD budget would allow \$9750 for annual maintenance of Taylor Park. Following discussion, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Arthur Hoffman, acting secretary.

New Business

Hanafi reported that the District's lighting project had received City approval. Hanafi has sent the plan to two electrical contractors for bids. He also discussed plans to prepare a mailer regarding the project to distribute to residents to solicit their feedback.

Hoffman reported that he would have a discussion in the coming month with Jim Dwyer of CWEN re Taylor Park future expenses and management.

As has been past years practice, it was agreed that the CSSBD should purchase two \$50 gift cards for WEGAP for the two GCI officers who work on Christmas and New Year's Eve. Welton will purchase the cards and give them to Cole.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Arthur Hoffman, acting secretary.