

# **Cathedral Square Special Business District**

**Monthly meeting 6.30 pm May 18, 2022, at The Greystone 410 N. Newstead.**

Commissioners present: Laura Bushey, Arthur Hoffman, Kenneth Sowell, Carolyn Welton

Commissioners absent: Imran Hanafi, Claudia Wall

Others present: Gary Cole and Ron Hastey of GCI, Vincent Manganella of Westminster Place and Mike Smith of McPherson Avenue

In Hanafi's absence, Sowell acted as president and called the meeting to order.

## **Security Report**

Hastey reviewed security matters. It was a quiet month with no major incidents reported in the period.

Hastey said that the abandoned auto on Westminster Place had been pushed out in the street at some point, presenting a safety hazard. That allowed it to be towed.

Hastey counseled that we should watch for auto license sticker thefts. Car cloutings and thefts of catalytic converters continue to be problems throughout the City.

Sowell reported shots on May 17. Hastey's check with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department (SLMPD) found no reports relating to gun shots on that date.

Bushey reported that concern about motorists' speed had led residents on McPherson to request speed humps for the 4300 and 4400 blocks. Suggestion was made that this issue should be raised when Alderman Gras attends the June meeting.

Cole reported that beginning June 10, the SLMPD would begin 12-hour shifts. This would make hiring off-duty officers for CSSBD patrols more difficult. Also, Cole said that because of generally

rising prices and increased rates by competing security companies, officers now wanted \$50 an hour for their services. This has caused a cost crunch for GCI, Cole said, that will require him to present a proposal for new rates to the CSSBD in the near-term future.

## **Finance Report**

In Wall's absence, there was no finance report.

## **New Business**

Welton and Smith will coordinate with Allen Outdoor to turn on outdoor irrigation systems on June 2.

Welton also will coordinate with Liz Neuf to make updates on CSSBD web pages and turn over future work to the board. Bushey expressed an interest in working on web pages, including photographing CSSBD projects as they are completed.

There being no more new business to discuss, Sowell adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by Arthur Hoffman, Secretary