

**MIDTOWN COMMUNITY BENEFITS DISTRICT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
MICA – 1601 W. MOUNT ROYAL AVENUE – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2014
6:30 PM**

Board Members Present: Jeff LaNoue, Sandy Harley, Randall Anderson II, Michael Molla, Steven Johnson, Jennifer Mielke, Joseph Palumbo, Jason Curtis, Doreen Rosenthal, Steve Shen, Pamela Johnson, Liam Flynn, Steven Howard, Brent Pertusio, Cristian Song (by telephone)

Staff Member(s) Present:

Michelle Wirzberger, Executive Director, Midtown Community Benefits District
Peggy Smallwood, Deputy Director, Midtown Community Benefits District
Christopher Godwin, Outreach Coordinator, Midtown Community Benefits District

Chair called meeting to order at 6:47 pm

Chair announced the resignation of Councilman Bill Cole from the 11th District. Council President Bernard “Jack” Young has convened a panel to select Councilman Cole’s replacement. Council President Young has reached out to Joe Palumbo to serve on the panel. Joe Palumbo advised the board that he will serve on the city council selection panel as the representative for the 11th District.

Chair opened floor for discussion.

Board members expressed concern regarding Joe Palumbo acting as a representative for the MCBBD Board.

Discussion followed.

Randy Anderson motion that no one selected to serve on the city council selection panel shall represent the MCBBD board.

Jason Curtis second motion.

Majority in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of June Minutes

Chair asked for motion to approve June minutes.

Steve Johnson motion to accept June minutes

Doreen Rosenthal second motion.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Michelle Wirzberger, Executive Director

Report distributed prior to the meeting and copies are on file in the MCBBD binder.

Joseph Palumbo, Chairman (Executive Committee)

Chair announced the resignation of Doreen Rosenthal as Board Secretary and recommended the appointment of Pamela Johnson as Board Secretary for the remainder of the term.

Mike Molla made motion to accept Pamela Johnson as Board Secretary for remainder of term

Steve Howard second motion.

13 votes in favor. 1 vote opposed. Majority in favor. Motion carried.

Chair discussed the development plans for 815 N. Howard Street. In an effort to move the plans forward, the Chair recommend streamlining the Building Committee to consist of the Executive Committee members (Joseph Palumbo, Steve Johnson, Pamela Johnson, Brent Pertusio) and Steven Shen.

Chair opened floor for discussion. Discussion followed.

Steve Johnson motion to accept the recommendation for the Building Committee to include Executive Committee members and Steve Shen.

Mike Molla second motion

11 votes in favor. 2 votes opposed. 1 vote abstained

Steve Johnson, Budget Committee

- Steve Johnson informs the board that the yearly Line of Credit was not renewed which caused year-end cash flow to be low. He also noted that a new CD had not been re-established after the 60 month MECU CD was closed.

Chair ask for motion to authorize Michelle Wirzberger to re-establish a line of credit for \$100,000.

Jason Curtis motion to authorize Michelle Wirzberger to re-establish line of credit for \$100,000.

Mike Molla second motion.

13 votes in favor. 1 vote abstain.

Majority in favor. Motion carried.

Mike Molla makes motion for the board to authorize Michelle Wirzberger to open a 6-9 month CD at bank of her choice.

Jason Curtis second motion.

13 votes in favor. 1 vote abstain.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Steve Shen, Sanitation Committee

- Weekend service has made a noticeable difference. Hopefully more community service workers can be utilized since weekend hours are available.
- Committee will still continue to follow up with status of free trash cans.

Brent Pertusio, Green Committee

- Neighborhoods have begun scheduling fall tree plantings. Wayne Brooks will be reaching out to each neighborhood tree steward to schedule tree planting dates.

Jason Curtis, Public Safety

- Liam Flynn discusses the use of buskers in Charles North to act as ambassadors, guides, greeters and coordinate with the police to report suspicious or criminal behavior.

Building committee met before the meeting to speak with several potential owners' representatives for the new MCB D building.

Chair opened floor for discussion. Discussion followed.

Chair makes recommendation that the board authorize the Building Committee to make a decision on an owner's representative in order to move the project forward.

Mike Molla motion to authorize the Building Committee to select an owners' rep.

Jason Curtis second the motion.

Chair opened floor for discussion.

Jason Curtis makes a friendly amendment to motion to authorize Building Committee to hire an owners' representative for 6-months not to exceed \$60,000.

12 votes in favor. 2 votes opposed.

Majority in favor. Motion passed.

Chair asks for motion to adjourn

Motion made to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.