Cherokee CID Public Meeting Minutes

January 16th, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: 5:43
Board Members in attendance at December Public Meeting: Ron Strawbridge, Jason Deem, Jessie Chappel, Kate Burrus, Jessica Douglass, Mark Nevelow, Dasia Vence

Review of November Public Meeting Minutes: Jessie Chappel motioned to approve, Jason seconds, all in favor, none opposed.

Emily Thenhaus presented the protocol for CID Public Meetings.

Public Officials:
- **Ald. Spencer** shared the news of her mayoral campaign and the defeat of the airport privatization effort.
- **Ald. Dan Guenther** discussed Board Bill 191 which would simplify the process for temporary food permits for farmers markets and festivals, allowing the event organizer to apply for 1 permit for the event. He also discussed progress with the Close the Workhouse campaign and the proposed Resolution 205 to be introduced at the board to end the City’s contract housing federal inmates at CJC. Board Bill 107 about increasing the number of police districts is back in committee and SLMPD has said they need more data to review what the impact of the bill would be. Ald Guenther encouraged folks to report crimes (violent crimes, car break ins, etc.) so that SLMPD has accurate data to evaluate the proposal.
- **Barb Potts** reiterated the 700+ job vacancies that the City still has and encouraged folks to direct those looking for a job to the City’s website.

Executive Director Update
- Emily shared a number of updates from the Cherokee CID and its committees.
  - The CID is creating a new Arts Committee, which will work on ways to invest in arts and the arts community on Cherokee Street. Those interested in joining the committee should contact emily at emily@cherokeestreet.com.
  - The CID is formalizing the way it accepts requests for event sponsorship and support. Support requests will be accepted and reviewed quarterly by the CID events committee. Criteria and timeline forthcoming.
  - A number of Cherokee St. businesses have expressed interest in organizing a Mardi Gras Crawl on Cherokee Street on the afternoon of Saturday February 22nd. Interested businesses should contact emily ASAP.
  - In an effort to make sure folks know what will be discussed at upcoming meetings, Emily will be sending around an agenda for public meetings on the Wednesday before the meeting. Anyone with agenda items for the meeting should let Emily know by Wednesday morning. At public meetings going forward,

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the CID will also provide minutes from the last public meeting, the last board meeting and financial report.

- A request was made that minutes from the previous public meeting be included in the email notices. Emily committed to including those minutes going forward.
- Questions were also raised about how the CID is addressing social and community development.

Open Projects + New Business

- **Cherokee Street 2nd Saturdays (Tovia Black)**
  To participate in the ad for February Second Saturdays, please have your text and payment to Tovia by January 25th. Tovia also shared information about an upcoming Cherokee Street gathering - for members of the Cherokee Street community to meet each other and learn about upcoming events for the year. The meet up will be hosted by Nistenhaus at 2118 Cherokee on February 6th from 4:30 - 6:30

- **STL Style Anniversary Party (Randy Vines)**
  STL Style will be hosting a block party on March 28th, from roughly noon to 5 PM at Compton and Cherokee to celebrate their 10th anniversary. The party will include music, food, drinks, live art, etc. Folks interested in more information or collaboration should contact Suzie at suzie@stl-style.com

- **3 AM Liquor License Concerns (Francis Rodriguez)**
  Francis brought up concerns about the 3AM liquor license application by WJL Properties for 2720 which was voted on at the previous public meeting and received a letter of support from the CID. Concerns were raised about the potential impacts to public safety and the process for approving 3 AM liquor licenses. A proposal was suggested for the CID to introduce a new protocol for the approval of 3 AM liquor licenses, which would require, among other things, discussion at multiple CID meetings before a letter of support is approved. Emily reiterated her commitment to send out the public meeting agenda in advance so that folks knew what items were to be voted on.

- **Fiestas Patrias & Latinos en Accion (Monti)**
  Monti updated the group about Fiestas Patrias, which will again be held on Cherokee Street September 12th. The organizers, Latinos en Accion, led by Leticia and Freddy, are looking for partners and support as they again host the festival. Interested folks should contact latinosenaccionstl@gmail.com

- **Cinco de Mayo Vendor Applications (Kate, Eric & Adina)**
  Applications are now being accepted for Cherokee Street vendors for Cinco de Mayo 2020 taking place on May 2nd. Vendor spots are first come first serve and applications can be submitted at cincodemayostl.com. Payment is required up front and applications will be opened up beyond Cherokee Street the week of January 20th. Folks with questions should contact adina@cincodemayostl.com

- **Burger 809 Date Night (Tasha Smith)**
  Burger 809 is offering a special date night offer in February - for romantic dinners in their tiny space. Find more info on menu and pricing on their social media accounts.

- **STL Youth Jobs (Lindsey)**
  Applications will be accepted soon for the STL Youth Jobs program - for interested

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young people and businesses. Youth can work up to 160 hours over the summer and come from a variety of neighborhoods including nearby Gravois Park, Dutchtown, Bevo, Tower Grove East and Mount Pleasant. Interested businesses can find more info at stlyouthjobs.org or speak with Button Makers, Brandin Vaughn or Burger 809 who have participated in the program in the past.

- **Census Jobs Available (Sandi Hamilton)**
  Sandi shared info about jobs available with the U.S. census. The Census is hiring part-time and full time workers in St. Louis, with flexible hours and pay $23.50/hour. More information is available at 2020census.gov/en/jobs.html

ADJOURNED: 6:50 PM