

CIDA Minutes
July 11, 2011

Scott Brown, President called the meeting to order.

Lane McFarren, Secretary is going to email June and July's minutes consecutively to all Board members for approval.

Michelle Freed gave the treasurers report which was read and approved.

Tom Roberts then gave a report on the situation regarding the levees and flooding in the area. There are relief efforts currently going on in the area and will continue through August and September most likely. As of today, there were no scheduled increases in flood levels reported.

He also reported that Michael Mahoney would be discussing the management of reservoirs in the area. He thought it would be an interesting piece for all CIDA members to watch.

Tom then gave his report on Streetscapes. The District four PIAC meeting was on the 28th and 29th. Hickory and Mulberry areas are in dire need for a makeover. He then showed some pictures of the water/sewer outlets in the area that are hidden or failing and approximated there is \$154,000 worth of repairs needed.

Secondary for discussion is the curb/sidewalk repairs that need to be completed.

He also reported District 4 now includes downtown. This is a problem for our area as we will not receive enough funds most likely for the repairs we need. Scott Brown then posed the question of whether or not there are private funds available to help, which Tom confirmed and also confirmed projects with private funds will have priority. Scott then asked when these issues would be voted on. It is most likely they will be voted on in the fall per Tom Roberts. Monty Sommers also said that any sidewalk repair to the sidewalk itself would be the responsibility of the property owner.

Master Patrol Office James Schriever then gave his report on security in the West Bottoms. He spoke of "criminal psychology" and the effect the appearance of the area has on criminals. Cleanups have helped with the appearance, which has helped our crime. It is vital we keep the cleanups going in order to keep this under control. He also spoke about how criminals talk, and the residents of the holding center on Mulberry will tell their friends they are part of the clean up patrol and will tell others to not make a mess of the area. MPO Schriver and Tom Roberts also met with the release center

authorities to see how our businesses can benefit by better communication and also asked if we could get a patrol officer from the release center to patrol the area. Many times the residents are out and about and some don't even show back up at the center until the following day and are roaming the city.

He also talked of how many government officials are here for the flood issues and its important to keep the West Bottoms in good shape, while showing we are still in need of funding for PIAC repairs.

He also reported that a "tagger" of graffiti appeared in court and plead guilty. His sentencing hearing is July 25th at 9:00 AM in Courtroom D. Maria Moore implored anyone in the group who has been affected by this young man to show up for the sentencing.

Lastly he asked business owners who are thinking of relocating outside KC please call himself or Kerrie Tyndall with the EDC. Some people are using crime statistics to try and persuade people to move outside KC. This is "baloney" in MPO Schrieviers opinion and we need to keep businesses in KC.

Bill Haw Jr. reported the website is on track for the end of August completion.

Darby Trotter said his committee (membership) is working on infrastructure development – how to best reach out for new members.

Christy Chester reported the Forrester Viaduct is on schedule and on budget for completion. Woodswether is on hold until end of Sept, early October. She also reported there are talks on how the Inner City and Lewis and Clark bridges can be reworked for better flow.

Our August meeting will be at CFM for the West Bottoms cleanup day. This will occur on August 13th at 9:00 AM.

Old business – Scott Brown will send a list of possible new names around for our organization. It needs to be voted on and decided in the September meeting.

New business – Scott Brown will report more on a task force for development grant incentive on cleanups for the West Bottoms.

Also, Bruce Holloway with CSI would like to invite all CIDA members to a social evening on September 29, 2011.

Scott Brown moved the meeting be adjourned – it was approved and a second was given.

Respectfully submitted