



CSMC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

COME TO ORDER: 9:09

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Jeff Nick, Buddy Singh, Mark Bouchette, Lorre Tucker, Erik Mosen, Linda Magoon, (phone), Sarah Beal (phone)

Missing - Cara Tobin, Becky Holt

Staff: Kara Alnasrawi – Executive Director, Julia Chalmers – Marketing Coordinator, Samantha McGinnis – Project and Event Manager, Stephanie Shohet – Administrative Assistant, Jed Sass - CSM coordinator

Members of the Public

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- Motion to approve agenda and move treasurer's report earlier: Buddy. Second: Lorre. Unanimous approval.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5/18/22):

- Motion to approve: Buddy. Second: Lorre. Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC FORUM:

- Tim Mitchell, Paul Buschner and David Melincoff address the commission

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- We are in good shape at 95% through the fiscal year. Buddy is curious to see if we're still at a deficit from last year.
- Kara explains that we are catching up now with people who couldn't pay marketplace fees last year.
- Buddy shares that collections look higher, and expenses look lower.
- Buddy leaves at 10:40.

CRITERIUM BIKE RACE APPLICATION – VOTE NEEDED:

- Kara explains bikes are not allowed on the Church Street Marketplace and therefore Commission approval is needed
- Tom Moody from the Criterium Bike Race answers questions from Commissioners
- Discussion regarding complaints from Sweetwaters and Ri Ra's around impact of event
- Discussion ensues about how the race affects those two restaurants and other businesses as well, and whether it should be allowed to happen at all.
- Tom Moody suggest doing further outreach and study regarding route
- Kara suggest vote be moved to July meeting
- Motion to move the vote to July: Linda. Second: Lorre. Unanimous approval.

REVOCAION OF STREET ENTERTAINER PERMIT DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS – VOTE NEEDED:

- Kara explains that Tim’s application video contained “safer” items, and not chainsaws, and that the Church Street Marketplace has received complaints about Tim’s show concerning public safety and loud noise
- The City attorney has said the Commission may consider permit revocation
- Kara reads a statement from the city attorney and explains that we focus of discussion must focus on public safety & welfare
- Discussion follows about the sound level and the difference between appearing dangerous and actually being dangerous
- Motion to NOT revoke Tim’s license: Linda. Second: Lorre. Unanimous approval.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

- One million dollar grant from Senator Leahy that is moving forward and the impact it will have on improving Church Street
- Juneteenth is now a city holiday
- Mall project (phase 1) has been bought out, and construction will likely start in August.
- New full time maintenance person was hired, but is now injured and on disability. Kara is posting for a full time seasonal temporary worker
- Maintenance crew power washed street before the marathon, and are working hard to keep up with their responsibilities despite being short-staffed
- Jazz Festival and marathon went well and cart vendors and street entertainers are active on the street

CANNABIS UPDATE:

- Kara recaps what she has learned from internal city meetings
- As per the State’s law - retail will start in October, and businesses must be at least 500 feet away from a school. Public consumption will be illegal.
- Discussion follows about how this will be regulated and how businesses will be affected.

CHAIR’S REPORT:

- Chairman Nick asks about the W9 forms that Kara passed around. Kara explains that commissioners citywide will be paid a stipend for their work
- Jeff tells of a meeting he and Mark attended about the pods
- Jeff requests that commissioners state their concerns about a pod village in writing.
- Discussion follows about how behaviors of residents may spill over onto Church Street, and how rules will be enforced.
- Jeff has asked Kara to put together a meeting with the mayor and city attorney’s office to talk about enforcing rules about smoking, speeding bikes, and sleeping in the park.
- Discussion follows about how to handle the situation with homeless people in the park.

APPROVAL OF NEW CART:

- Jed explains that we have extended the deadline to Doe Feos, a new food cart on Church Street. They will sell vegan versions of American and Mexican food.
- Motion to approve the new cart: Lorre. Second: Mark. Unanimous approval.

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