



**South Side Christian Church Community Room
2600 South MacArthur Boulevard
Thursday, June 13, 2019**

June Meeting Minutes

1. **Welcome** – Michael Higgins
 - a. Meeting convened at 7:41am

2. **Board Reports**
 - a. Secretary's Report – Jess Weitzel
 - i. No changes
 1. All approved
 - b. Treasurer's Report – Justin Creasey
 - i. No report

3. **Speaker:** Rep. Mike Murphy (IL-99) discussing the new capital bill passed several weeks ago
 - a. \$40B capital bill over 6 years
 - i. Gas tax going up July 1st
 - ii. Projects:
 1. 3rd Street/10th Street rail corridor
 - a. \$500M worth of Med District projects waiting on 3rd Street rail corridor
 2. MacArthur
 - a. Listed on to-do projects
 - b. Two projects concerning MacArthur
 - i. Wabash to South Grand - \$21M – higher priority
 - ii. I-72 to Chatham - \$6M
 - c. Bipartisan Springfield legislative caucus meeting with IDOT Secretary
 - i. Rep. Murphy hoping to come back at August meeting to discuss further
 3. Iles through Jerome also a priority for Rep. Murphy

4. Local Government Update

- a. Alderwoman, Ward 6: Kristin DiCenso
 - i. Meeting with rep of Legacy Pointe project today (June 13)
 - ii. New City Council – changing dynamics seems to be a good thing
 - iii. Kinks being worked out of the yard waste pickup program
 - 1. Not many complaints in Ward 6 but other parts of the City have experienced many complaints
 - iv. Springhill Suites construction completion planned for August 2019; applying for liquor license
- b. Alderman, Ward 7: Joe McMEnamin
 - i. Related to Capital Bill, MacArthur Boulevard discussed at June 11 Committee of the Whole
 - 1. Possibility of using undesignated funds for possible Boulevard improvements
 - ii. Hoogland redevelopment update: Hoogland was not fully ready to move the project forward so the purchase option has expired at this time; still opportunity for Hoogland to come back to the table
 - 1. Fiducial-owned property available for \$300,000 (includes several lots and two buildings)
 - iii. Dollar General Regional Manager discussion: Dennis Helbig
 - 1. Mr. Helbig was “embarrassed” by the state of the property, so hoping that landscaping improvements will be made
 - iv. All Star Kutz – Audrey Austin
 - 1. Also owns Nikki’s Southern Kitchen
 - v. Butler Elementary School raised \$467 at June 2019 Bites on the Boulevard
- c. Mayor, Village of Jerome: Michael Lopez
 - i. 23rd annual Fourth of July parade – 9am
 - ii. Board discussing shutting down portions of Iles (2-3 day periods over 2-3 weeks)
 - iii. Wants to work with Springfield Aldermen to press Springfield Mayor to address Iles
 - 1. Hoping Springfield legislative caucus will also be an advocate
 - iv. Economic development efforts
 - 1. Shop N’ Save property: no big changes/updates
 - 2. Several new restaurants
 - 3. 7 new gaming licenses
- d. Board Member, Sangamon County: Lisa Hills
 - i. Arrest made regarding shots fired at SSCC property last month; coordinated effort between SPD and SCPD
 - ii. Local neighborhood association (The Highlands) and specifically a local individual is making an impact regarding crime reporting

- iii. At Lisa's request, local State's Attorney is sending the landlord of a particular high-crime property to attempt to make some impacts
 - e. Mayor, City of Leland Grove: Mary Jo Bangert
 - i. Working to improve Chatham Road infrastructure issues
 - ii. Will make sure Leland Grove has representation at MBA memberships going forward
 - iii. Request from Doug Dougherty: allow bicyclists to go through stop signs on a yield basis to allow for separation and safety for cyclists
 - f. Springfield Neighborhood Police Officer: Mike Badger
 - i. Working to isolate several recent shootings in the area
 - ii. Project Safe Neighborhoods: register your home surveillance cameras
 - iii. Lock It or Lose It: lock your cars
 - iv. New program coming up to get drug-addicted individuals immediately into treatment programs
 - v. Boulevard Apartments Fun Day on June 22nd
 - vi. Calls for Service has increased at the Boulevard Townhomes but it's primarily petty crimes calls associated with children (7-12 year olds)
 - 1. MBA buying games for Boulevard Townhomes kids
 - a. Motion made by Jess Weitzel, seconded by Chris Hanken, all approved

5. Announcements

- a. Juneteenth Celebration is this weekend: parade on Saturday morning
- b. No July Membership Meeting
- c. Levitt AMP Springfield concert series ongoing every Thursday evening
- d. Bites on the Boulevard on Tuesday, July 9th – Franklin Middle School
- e. Copper Pot Cooking Studio and Pease's Summer Movie Nights – Friday, July 5th:
The Great Outdoors
- f. Adjourned at 8:41am

Respectfully submitted,

Jess Weitzel
MBA Board Secretary