



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

February Meeting Minutes

1. **Welcome** – Michael Higgins, Vice President
 - a. Meeting convened at 7:47am
2. **MBA Business**
 - a. Secretary's Report – Jess Weitzel
 - i. Motion made by Doug Dougherty
 - ii. Seconded by Chris Hanken
 - iii. All approved
 - b. Treasurer's Report – Justin Creasey
 - i. Balance sheet update is \$22,007.30 as of 1/31/2020
 1. Increase of \$1,752.91 since December 1st, 2019 due to membership dues payments
 - ii. Motion moved by Chris Hanken
 - iii. Seconded by Dr. Steven Stone
 - iv. All approved
3. **Local Government Update**
 - a. Alderwoman, Ward 6: Kristin DiCenso – no report, absent
 - b. Alderman, Ward 7: Joe McMenamain
 - i. Budget passage coming up next Tuesday, February 18
 - ii. City taking baby steps to address police and fire pension debt; need to be more aggressive in tackling the issue
 - c. Mayor, Village of Jerome: Michael Lopez – no report, absent
 - d. Board Member, Sangamon County: Lisa Hills – no report, absent
 - e. Mayor, City of Leland Grove: Mary Jo Bangert – no report, absent
 - f. Springfield Neighborhood Police Officer: Mike Badger
 - i. Contact information available to register exterior home security cameras
4. **Speaker(s):** Discussion on 2017 IDOT Feasibility Study

- a. Doug Dougherty went through the alternatives from the 2017 IDOT Feasibility Study
 - i. More information available here:
<https://www.shoportunmacarthur.com/news/macarthur-feasibility-study-wabash-south-grand/>
- b. Following priorities were identified by MBA members, numbers associated with each priority were a show of hands in order to rank the priorities:
 - i. Resurfacing, curb & gutter – default priority as this is the baseline of what IDOT will do
 - ii. Coordination with City on stormwater issues – 13
 - iii. Conscientious or potentially limited impact on businesses – 3
 - iv. Sidewalks on both sides of the street, but design chosen with limited potential property impacts in mind – 12
 - v. Common parking lots to be used by businesses where parking is limited per parcel – 11
 - vi. Acquiring currently vacant businesses (formerly single-family homes) – 2
 - vii. Concept of using alley access as vehicle access to buildings, limiting curb cuts on MacArthur itself - 7
- c. Call for small group volunteers was made; interested persons should reach out to MBA Board members for more information

5. Announcements

- a. Don't forget to renew membership! This can be done at meetings or online at <https://squareup.com/store/macarthur-boulevard-association>

6. Adjourned at 8:41am

Respectfully submitted,

Jess Weitzel, MBA Board Secretary