



**Virtual Zoom Meeting  
2600 South MacArthur Boulevard  
Thursday, March 11, 2021**

**March Meeting Minutes**

1. **Welcome** – Katie Davison
  - a. Meeting convened at 7:30am
  
2. **MBA Business**
  - a. Secretary's Report – Jess Weitzel
    - i. Approval of January 2021 minutes
      1. Motion made to approve the minutes by Mary Jo Bangert, seconded by Chris Hanken, all approved
  - b. Treasurer's Report – Justin Creasey
    - i. \$20,696.07 balance as of 02/28/2021
    - ii. Motion made to approve the report by Loretta Durbin, seconded by Mary Jo Bangert, all approved
  
3. **Speaker(s):**
  - a. Local election candidates – April 6, 2021
    - i. Mike Zimmers, S186 sub-district 4
      1. Retired educator
      2. Currently in role
    - ii. Buffy Lael-Wolf, S186 sub-district 5
      1. Local RN
    - iii. Tiffany Mathis, S186, sub-district 5
      1. Currently in role
      2. CEO of B&G Club
    - iv. Brad Carlson, Capital City Township
      1. Currently in role
      2. Focusing on serving the homeless and providing rent and jobs development
    - v. Sean Lumsden, Springfield Park District
      1. Local attorney and insurance

- vi. Cherri Montgomery, Springfield Park District
  - 1. Focus on providing true representation in elected positions
- b. Recent neighborhood gun violence
  - i. Dan Wright, SCSA
    - 1. Diligently working to hold individuals who commit gun violence accountable
    - 2. Can assure us that law enforcement is working together to tackle these issues
    - 3. Prevention and proactive strategies to keep children out of this pipeline to violence. Support early childhood education, kindergarten readiness, etc..
  - ii. Deputy Chief Joshua Stuenkel, Springfield Police Department
    - 1. Meeting with other agencies to address these issues
    - 2. 16 shootings in January and February 2021; much higher than normal
    - 3. Seeing more violence happening car-to-car
    - 4. Shooting this week happened when two rival gang members ran into one another at a gas station and proceeded in a car chase
    - 5. Crime Stoppers is also providing a new program where they offer rewards for tips on illegal gun ownership
  - iii. Alderwoman DiCenso
    - 1. People are scared; this is the main thing she is hearing – people are frightened of letting their kids play outside, go on walks, etc.
    - 2. Most important thing we can do is make everyone feel safe
    - 3. Kevin McGuire of SCB held a forum after a shooting off Lenox in Woodside Township where there are different governing ordinances
      - a. Conversation with Alderman McMenamin pre-COVID to figure out how to tighten up our ordinances to eliminate nuisances or related issues. Hands tied right now with eviction moratoriums and lack of landlords able to secure rents
  - iv. Terrence Jordan, Black Hawk Principal
    - 1. Focus also needs to be systemic issues such as what success means outside of sports or entertainment for young black men, diversifying boards, and promoting representation across the board
  - v. Tracy Gage, Butler Principal
    - 1. Social/emotional support for families is also critical right now
  - vi. Mike Lopez, Village of Jerome President
    - 1. Need to focus on diversity in representation as well as have leadership that models appropriate responses to confrontations

#### **4. Local Government Update**

- a. Forgone local government update
- 5. Announcements**
- a. Spring Boulevard Cleanup
  - b. Tentative Bites on the Boulevard schedule
  - c. We know 2020 was a challenging year for many of our community members. If you're unable to renew your membership, we completely understand. If, however, you'd like to renew for 2021, you can do so online at <https://squareup.com/store/macarthur-boulevard-association>
- 6. Adjourned at 8:38am**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jess Weitzel, MBA Board Secretary