



**June Meeting  
South Side Christian Church  
2600 South MacArthur Boulevard  
Thursday June 9th 2022**

**June Meeting Minutes**

- 1. Welcome** – Michael Higgins
  - a. Meeting convened at 7:36am
- 2. MBA Business**
  - a. Secretary's Report – Denise Perry
    - i. Motion to approve-Bill, Second-Stephen; all in favor
  - b. Treasurer's Report – Justin Creasey, absent – no report
- 3. Speaker-Denise Perry, Unity Kitchen**
- 4. Local Government Update**
  - a. Alderwoman Ward 6, City of Springfield: Kristen DiCenso
    - i. Railyard opening, Levitt AMP concert series, Truck Show, Farmers Market-lots happening in and around city
  - b. Alderman Ward 7, City of Springfield: Joe McMenamin
    - i. Town and Country-Larkspur properties
      1. David Bernstein-lots of energy, idea man
        - a. got a sense of MacArthur, reinvesting in community, financial needs
        - b. Abby Powell-TIF funding
        - c. record of successful projects
        - d. Jim Zerkle, Corky Joyner-never attended MBA meetings
      2. McDonalds-in bad shape
        - a. underlying owners not taking care of property
        - b. Chatham Cafe family setback-funeral
        - c. Permitting issues
          - i. Alderwoman DiCenso-staff shortages
      3. Butler School-100 year celebration

- 4. Blackouts-regional
  - a. 15 minute intervals
  - b. hospitals, state government not affected
  - c. weather-based
  - d. not a brown-out; trying to avoid those. Scheduled black-outs to alleviate grid overload
- c. Mayor Lopez
  - i. 4th of July Parade-July 2nd
    - 1. Hyvee support for parade-hotdogs
  - ii. negotiations on Shop & Save
  - iii. Legacy development affect some businesses in Jerome
    - 1. more restaurants, more hotels
- 5. New Business**
  - a. T& C Bank
    - i. ATM disappeared
      - 1. 80K in damages
  - b. Abby Powell, Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance
    - i. +1000 jobs pos pandemic
    - ii. unemployment low
    - iii. wage increase \$25-\$29/30 per hour
    - iv. squeeze on city-smooth out development process
      - 1. one person only employed for a year
      - 2. Haven't changed compensation levels
      - 3. non-union, no negotiated raises
      - 4. impacts economic growth
- 6. Old Business**
  - a. Bites on the Boulevard- June 23rd
    - i. volunteers for tent
      - 1. 4-6:30pm
      - 2. 7-9pm
    - ii. Clean-up
      - 1. 5-9pm
  - b. Thank you Bruce-Cummings Carpet, Coffee Sponsor
- 7. Adjourned 8:25am**

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Perry, MBA Board Secretary