



**October Meeting Meeting  
South Side Christian Church  
2600 South MacArthur Boulevard  
Thursday October 13th 2022**

**October Meeting Minutes**

1. **Welcome** – Katie Davison
  - a. Meeting convened at 7:37am
2. **MBA Business**
  - a. Secretary's Report – Denise Perry
    - i. Motion to approve-David, Second-Jim; all in favor
  - b. Treasurer's Report – Justin Creasey
    - i. \$18,892.49
3. **Speakers**–Leah Wilson, Director, Kidzeum; Jennifer Gill, Superintendent, School District 186
  - a. Jennifer Gill
    - i. STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) program between District 186 and Kidzeum
    - ii. ESSR Funds from Rescue Act funding program
    - iii. Bus is taken to Kidzeum, lunch is provided, and children spend an immersive day of learning
  - b. Leah Wilson
    - i. Challenges in education-not specific to SPI, not as many kids interested in STEM
      1. How can the Kidzeum be a community support for the district and serve our students in a new way?
      2. interesting spaces for learning-a museum as a school
      3. COVID acted as a driver
      4. underutilized facilities create programs to give to schools
    - ii. Grant shaped the project
      1. Butler was first school-engaged students and got them excited about STEM
      2. Capstone-students created their own exhibits

- 3. SIU came in and did analysis of deliverables; yes, students benefited from content
    - iii. Two additional renovated storefronts thanks to IDNR
  - c. Sarah Bevrige
    - i. students benefited from exposure to different careers
    - ii. program provides equity and access
  - d. Stephanie McCorkle
    - i. opportunity to learn through play
    - ii. social/emotional learning (SEL)-students interacting together
  - e. Katie Davison
    - i. Board Member of Kidzeum
    - ii. son loved hands-on experiential activities
    - iii. transformational programs
  - f. Josh Sabo
    - i. great experience
  - g. Kim Hoffman
    - i. Private schools would be interested in STEAM programs

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

- a. Alderwoman Ward 6, City of Springfield: Kristen DiCenso
  - i. Legacy Pointe Sports Complex-commercial development approval
  - ii. incident at Circle K-mental health issues
  - iii. Trick-or-Treating: 4pm-7pm
- b. Alderman Ward 7, City of Springfield: Joe McMenamin
  - i. Federated Funeral Directors building now owned by Hoogland.
    - 1. pile of earth to fill lot after corner building is demolished
    - 2. plan to upgrade and put offices in
  - ii. Final design plans -IDOT, 3 months ago
  - iii. Town and Country
    - 1. 6 million dollars
    - 2. 17 acres-zoning request through land subdivision committee
      - a. unanimous approval
    - 3. City Council in December
- c. Mayor Bangert
  - i. Outer Park next street project
  - ii. Trick-or-Treating: 4:30-7:00
  - iii. No development at Nieman Foods
    - 1. Serving COVID-19 testing center papers to leave
  - iv. Police department in transition
    - 1. many retiring officers
    - 2. 3FT hired, Many PT officers

#### **5. Adjourned at 8:15am**

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Perry, MBA Board Secretary