

<NSI BOARD MEETING>

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 08/15/2022

Meeting Location: Online via Zoom

Approval: Draft

Recorded By: Madeline Oberman

1 ATTENDANCE

Name	Title	Organization	Present
Bobbie Butterly	President	DeBaliviere Place SBD	
Jim Dwyer	Vice President of Finance	North SBD	X
Yusef Scoggin	Vice President	Southeast SBD	X
Henry Edmonds	Board Member	North SBD	X
Christina Bennett	Board Member	Westminster Lake SBD	X
Bill Latz	Board Member	Washington Place SBD	X
Pete Rothschild	Board Member	South SBD	X
Ashley Johnson	Board Member	Euclid South CID	X
Brian Phillips	Board Member	WUMC	X
Lily Seymour	Board Member	Waterman Lake SBD	X
Kate Hafer	Board Member	North CID	X
Jim Whyte	Executive Director	NSI	X
Sarah Wickenhauser	Deputy Director	NSI	X
Madeline Oberman	Neighborhood Advocate	NSI	X
Lyndon Cornell	Camera Project Manager	NSI	X
Alvin Ferguson	Outreach	NSI	
Phillip Cornell	Camera Project Assistant	NSI	
Melissa Brown	Outreach	NSI	X

Additional Attendees: None

2 MEETING LOCATION

Due to COVID-19, the meeting took place online through Zoom. If you would like to attend these meetings, please let us know before the third Monday of the month and we will send you a link to the Zoom meeting.

3 MEETING START

Meeting Schedule Start: 4:00 pm

Meeting Actual Start: 4:02 pm

4 AGENDA

- **Call meeting to order**
 - Call to order at 4:02 pm by Bobbie Butterly.
 - Nota Bene: Eric Weber is stepping down as NSI representative for his taxing district, and Lily Seymour has taken his place.

- **Minutes Approved**
 - Motion to approve meeting minutes moved by Brian Phillips and seconded by Yusef Scoggin. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Financial Report Approved**
 - Motion to approve the financial report moved by Jim Dwyer. The motion was seconded by Ashley Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Old Business**
 - Harassment
 - Jim Whyte provided an update about an individual and the attempt to get a restraining order against them to help protect the NSI from harassment.
 - Brian Phillips noted that in the future, the board can enter into a closed session to discuss details of the situation for privacy concerns.

- **New Business**
 - Jim Whyte presented his PowerPoint, “The Future of Public Safety” and solicited follow up discussion and questions.
 - Pete Rothschild asked if there’s any movement on the city’s side to match the pay of the officers leaving the county to go to the city (in the same way that the county is matching city wages and rank). Jefferson County also recently announced that they will match pay and rank of transfer officers.
 - Christina Bennett noted that PPP money is very limited in what it can be spent on, and therefore it is unlikely that PPP money could be used to increase or match salaries of new police officers. ARPA funds are more flexible, but that money has not yet been given to the city.
 - In regard to the proposed resource position, Bobbie Butterly asked if the person would work with the Citizens Service Bureau and Forestry Department. Jim Whyte answered that yes, we envision the person would work with city departments and resources, but also private companies when the city cannot fulfill the request.
 - Christina Bennett asked, “Most SBDs have homeowners’ associations, so why would we pay for this when we’re already paying an HOA to do this?”
 - Brian Phillips noted that just having someone dedicated to taking pictures and submitting CSB reports would be worth money.
 - Jim Dwyer agreed with Brian Phillips, as did Bobbie Butterly.
 - Jim Whyte and Madeline Oberman both explained that why there are people in place to handle these things (such as the Neighborhood Improvement Specialist and local HOAs), the tasks are not getting done and have not been done for a long time. Trash and bulk pick up are extremely neglected, trees are not getting trimmed, and potholes are not always being filled.
 - Madeline Oberman pointed out that the city is currently working on eliminating the NIS position, and therefore the taxing districts would be diverting some patrol money towards keeping a service that will be eliminated within the next few years, not just doubling a service.
 - Pete Rothschild stated that we [taxpayers] are spending more and more money on services the city is supposed to be handling, and that he cannot imagine that things will get better until private stakeholders start taking ownership for making things better.
 - Ashley Johnson complimented the NSI on the presentation, as well as for taking the initiative to think creatively about safety and security in a way that does not exclusively rely on secondary patrol services. She believes this direction is not perfect but is a great step in the right direction.

- Henry Edmonds commented, via the chat option in Zoom, “The SBDs exist because the city is unable to fully provide the services we need. Also, SBD mandates are broader than just security – they include neighborhood improvement and quality of life.”
- Sarah presented the last slide in the presentation, the expected budget.
 - Christina Bennett asked if the SBDs can “opt out” of services they do not want to pay the NSI for. Jim Whyte clarified that yes, the SBDs are able to opt out of any program they do not wish to participate in.
- Brian Phillips and Bobbie Butterly both reiterated that the important thing to note earlier in the presentation is that these proposed changes will not come at increased or new cost from the SBDs and CIDs. Rather, the proposal is to change where money that is already budgeted goes. Jim Dwyer agreed strongly.
- Jim Dwyer noted that 4 hours per week is not a lot of investigative work, and that more time should be budgeted. Yusef Scoggin agreed with that statement.
- Brian Phillips made the statement that the presentation, which will be presented to all of the boards in September, should skip the last slide. This way the NSI can gauge feedback from the community before proposing budgetary changes. Henry Edmonds and Bobbie Butterly agreed with that statement.
- Lyndon Cornell stated that he has worked at the NSI for over 6 years and the camera project is continuous expanding. But the SBDs need to make a plan and soon because many of the old cameras need replacement as soon as possible. Cameras help the NSI identify and apprehend the correct suspect, which helps the police department and the prosecution. Cameras are integral for the NSI operation,
- **Guest Comments**
 - None
- **Other**
 - None

5 MEETING END – 5:01 PM

6 POST MEETING ACTION ITEMS

Action	Assigned To	Deadline
Make changes to PowerPoint	Jim Whyte	September Meeting

7 DECISIONS MADE

- Meeting Minutes were approved.
- Financial Report was approved.

8 NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: TBA