

<NSI BOARD MEETING>

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 07/18/2022

Meeting Location: Online via Zoom

Approval: Final

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	
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
Eric Weber	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: 4:07 pm

4 AGENDA

- **Call meeting to order**
 - Call to order at 4:07 pm by Yusef Scoggin. Bobbie Butterly was unable to attend the meeting, and Yusef chaired the meeting in her place.
 - **Nota Bene:** the June 2022 Board Meeting was cancelled due to the holiday (Juneteenth).

- **Minutes Approved**

- Motion to approve meeting minutes moved by Brian Phillips and seconded by Eric Weber. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Financial Report Approved**

- Sarah Wickenhauser presented the financial report.
 - Personnel and Quarterly cell phone reimbursement put the NSI over budget due to three pay periods in July, but we are on track on the annual budget.
 - The audit went well, and more information will be provided when everything is completed.
 - The third quarter invoices as well as the second annual camera contribution invoices have been sent out.
 - We need to replace our front door. We received a bid for \$13,000 to replace and expand the doorway and replace the door. Pete Rothschild has graciously offered to donate \$10,000 of the \$13,000 for the project. It is expensive because we need to replace the door, the frame, and expand the entryway to better accommodate police bikes.
 - Christina Bennett asked if there were multiple bids for the door, and whether or not if these changes were approved by the historical society. She also asked if any bids were collected from any black or minority led businesses in the area.
 - Jim explained that there were two main bids on the project, and the request to change the door has been submitted but not yet approved.
 - Maddy Oberman explained that she called 6 companies in the area whose websites listed commercial door repair and replacement. One company responded, provided a bid, and then suggested we contact a different company for the project. That company provided us with the \$13,000 bid.
 - Brian Phillips asked for clarification on the price and budget. Jim Whyte explained that the total cost was estimated at \$13,000. Pete Rothschild would provide \$10,000 of that amount and the NSI would use PPP money to cover the remaining \$3,000. None of the funds would be billed to the taxing districts.
 - Yusef Scoggin noted that Christina's questions are very important when it comes to spending PPP money. There may be restrictions on what or how the NSI can use those funds. Pete Rothschild responded that because there is some confusion about the PPP money, he will cover the cost of the entire project. Yusef thanked Pete for the tremendous gift, and Pete noted that he appreciates the value the NSI offers by being located in the Central West End and wants to help ensure the NSI stays in the area.
 - Motion to approve the financial report moved by Ashley Johnson. The motion was seconded by Jim Dwyer. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Old Business**

- Key Meetings
 - Jim Whyte attended some key meetings over the past month. Jim met with Flock Security, and they sent out a representative to St. Louis for site surveys.

- Flock also hosted an Organized Retail Theft Webinar. The presentation covered the Redlands, California Police response to retail theft using Flock Security products.
- **New Business**
 - The Future of Public Safety, presented by Jim Whyte
 - As police shortages continue to be an issue, we need to plan the future of safety and security in our areas. Jim W. envisions:
 - fewer police patrols
 - utilizing less SLMPD resources
 - increasing the number of cameras in the community
 - possibly hiring an in-house Investigations Analyst (or Intelligence Analyst) for private investigative work
 - utilizing social media to identify suspects
 - increasing public awareness and educational efforts
 - Pete Rothschild asked if the NSI is still exploring the possibility of providing secondary patrol services directly.
 - Jim Whyte explained that there are ongoing discussions between him, Sarah Wickenhauser, and NSI attorneys. The NSI is still waiting to hear back about insurance options.
 - Pete R. then asked for a price estimate on a per-hour savings if the NSI provided in-house secondary services.
 - Jim W. explained that roughly \$0.30 per every dollar the NSI spends goes directly to TCF. Roughly the NSI would save about \$30,000 annually by providing in-house secondary services. But there would be substantial upfront costs to get the project started, including purchasing insurance, shift planning software, bicycles, GPS devices, GPS software, and it would likely require the NSI hire one or two additional employees to manage the project.
 - Christina Bennett commented that she believes it would not be worth pursuing unless you poll the SBDs. She believes her SBD would not be interested in replacing their secondary service provider, and other entities may feel the same way, making the effort expensive and unnecessary. Jim Whyte agrees that providing secondary patrols would only be feasible if there was significant buy-in from both the SBDs and CIDs.
 - Jim Dwyer pointed out that each entity can choose their own contractor. So if the Westminster SBD, for example, did not want to utilize the NSI's in house service, they would not have to.
 - Jim Whyte provided a security alert overview on the issue with Hyundai and Kia vehicle thefts. The NSI is currently giving out free car clubs for residents and students in our coverage areas, purchased from the 5 Star Center (a local senior center).
 - The stolen cars have been dumped, used for other crimes, not been recovered, and in one instance, intentionally burned.
 - Jim Dwyer asked to comment on two things.
 - First, he supports the idea of an in-house analyst given the backlog of SLMPD cases.
 - Second, it is important to note that it is not just carjackings and car thefts that have increased, but car cloutings have as well. The cloutings were a serious issue a few years ago but it's back in full force with these car thefts going on, and it is a serious issue.
 - Jim Whyte made a purchase request to the board to obtain an electric or gas golf cart for police officers to utilize. The estimated retail cost is \$11,784 and this vehicle would replace the ATVs we have been phasing out.

- Christina Bennett asked if the ATVs are being decommissioned, and if so, if there was a way to recoup some of the lost revenue.
 - Jim W. explained that we don't currently have a policy on decommissioning ATVs, but we have discussed donating the usable (but old) ATV to the North CID's cleanup crew or donating it to the City of Normandy for their park maintenance project.
 - Christina B. suggested the NSI donate the ATV and see if it is possible to receive a tax break for the donation.
 - Sarah Wickenhauser will investigate this option.
- Outreach Update, presented by Melissa Brown
 - There were some big events that took place over the past month.
 - A young man with initials A.M. was in the DeBaliviere Place neighborhood. He is a young man that suffers from severe mental health problems. He was actually a missing person and Alvin was able to track down his father. Alvin waited while the father came to the scene and took the young man home. A.M. is now with family and no longer living on the street.
 - A woman with schizophrenia is currently living under a bus shelter and is very paranoid about receiving services, using cell phones, or utilizing anything she believes can be monitored by the government. Melissa and Alvin are trying their best to get this woman help.
 - C.V. is another young man they helped this month. C.V. is confined to a wheelchair and was stuck at a bus shelter because his wheelchair was damaged and missing components. Alvin and a local alderwoman were able to locate the missing parts for his wheelchair and get him connected with the Little Sisters of the Poor. He is no longer with the Little Sisters of the Poor, because he gave Alvin his mother's information and Alvin was able to contact C.V.'s mother, who came and got him. C.V. came to St. Louis, we believe, in his own car. When his car died, he became stranded in the area, and the situation was worsened by his physical and mental health.
 - Jim Dwyer noted that there's an ongoing project to address changes to Kingshighway to reduce reckless driving. One of the things suggested was to change the bus stops and bus shelters. Jim D. asked Melissa if she thinks that more shelters would be positive or negative or make no difference with helping the homeless population, based on her experience. Melissa said that she would think about it, discuss the question with Alvin, and come back to us on that.
- **Guest Comments**
 - None
- **Other**

5 MEETING END – 5:02 PM

6 POST MEETING ACTION ITEMS

Action	Assigned To	Deadline
Sarah will investigate tax breaks for donating the ATV.	Sarah Wickenhauser	ASAP
Melissa will consider Jim Dwyer's question on bus shelters.	Melissa Brown	ASAP

7 DECISIONS MADE

- **Meeting Minutes were approved.**

- **Financial Report was approved.**

8 NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: [August 15, 2022 < Online via Zoom > < > < >](#)