

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SOUTH GRAND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
June 12, 2025**

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Natasha Bahrami, Tim Boyle and Kyla Pollard, Lorenzo Andrade, Rachel Presley, Max McCreery, JoJo Prapaisilapa, and Matt Ghio(phone) **ABSENT:** David Bailey, Bay Tran, and David McCreery, **STAFF:** Rachel Witt **GUEST:** Lisa Otke, Bobby Lessentine, and Brian Roach

1. Call to Order: Bahrami called the meeting to order at 3:05pm

2. Minutes and Executive Director Report: Presley moved to approve the minutes for April 10, 2025, and the Executive Director's report. Andrade seconded the motion. The board approved the minutes and Executive Director's report.

3. Treasurer's Report: Witt reported on the profit and loss statement at this time; we are over budget due to a decrease in sales tax revenue, which is 6.49% below last year. Outstanding assessments (\$71,744.79) and sales tax have not been collected. Witt was informed by the MO Department of Revenue that I have gone above and beyond for collection. As of May 31, 2025, we are currently at a balance of 193,586.67. Sales Tax collected thus far 124,859.52 as of May 2025. Bahrami moved to approve the treasurer's report. Prapaisilapa seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's report. The board approved the treasurer's report.

4. Administration

- A. Social Media Proposal:** Witt received a proposal from Caitlin Metz; she has experience working with small businesses. Their former client was the Gelateria and works with the Living Room currently. She provided a proposal of \$1200/mo. to provide repost tags in stories daily, 3 posts in feed/weekly, 1 on sight shoot/monthly, and check in with businesses about upcoming events (via google form)/monthly. Presley moves to approve at a 6-month trial. Prapaisilapa seconded the motion. The board approved. Witt will reach out to Metz to see if they will accept a 6-month trial period.
- B. Resolution for Vendors:** Presley moves to approve the list of vendors for FY26. Pollard seconded the motion. The board approved the FY26 Resolution of vendors.
- C. Board Development/New Board Members:** Andrade moves to approve Bobby Lessentine to replace JoJo Prapaisilapa who will be moving to the SGCA board and for Brian Roach to replace David Bailey. Bahrami seconded the motion. The board approved. Lessentine and Roach accepted the nomination.
- D. Rachel Witt's Review:** Ghio and Presley conducted Witt's review. Will discuss with the board at the end of the meeting.

5. Public Safety

A. Unhoused Legislation: Witt provided an update on the issues within the state of MO when it comes to proper housing for the mentally ill. The facilities are at capacity, and the municipal courts are overwhelmed with their case load. It is obvious more facilities need to be built and the process to enter needs to be smoother and take those who refuse housing who are mentally ill.

6. Maintenance

- A. Ritz Park Backflow/fountain:** waiting on quote for repair to replace the backflow, fix the drinking fountain and unclog the drain to the fountain.

7. Economic Development:

- A. Major Gift Campaign:** Witt submitted grants and waiting to see if we will be approved. Unfortunately, this happened prior to the tornado, and I don't know if the grants will be shifted to address the needs of those affected.
- B. Phase 2 Uplighting:** Witt submitted a request to Ameren for a grant two days before the tornado. Not sure, if Ameren will accept our proposal due to their comment to tornado recovery.
- C. Bus Shelter:** has arrived and will be installed later this month.

8. Other Matters Appropriate to Come Before the Board: better communication with new tenants about the SGCID and having to add 0.5% to their sales tax. Witt will create a one pager to provide to brokers and property owners.

9. Adjournment There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Witt/Executive Director/South Grand CID