

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SOUTH GRAND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
August 13, 2026**

ATTENDANCE

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

1. Call to Order: Presley called the meeting to order at 10:40am

2. Minutes and Executive Director Report: Presley moved to approve the minutes for June 11, 2026, and the Executive Director Report. Lessentine seconded the motion. The board approved the minutes and Executive Director's report.

3. Treasurer's Report: Witt reported as of August 13, 2026, \$196,427.92 is in the checking and money market accounts. FY26 collected sales tax \$167,711.20 up 10.25% from last year at this time. \$118,083 is owed to the South Grand from 2022-2025. \$57.662 from 2025. Lessentine moved to approve the treasurer's report. Presley seconded the motion. The board approved the treasurer's report.

4. Administration

- A. SGCID CPI Vote:** Lessentine moved to approve a 2% increase in the Consumer Price Index for fall of 2026 assessment rate. McCreery seconded the motion. The board approved the increase of 2%. Those who could not attend voted via email in approval of the increase.
- B. SGCID Renewal:** Certified mailer will be sent out to registered voters within the boundaries of the district to vote to renew the sales and use tax of 0.5%. at the end of August 2026. Vote will be conducted on September 22, 2026, at our lawyer's office Lashly and Baer.
- C. South Grand Unpaid Assessments:** Witt reviewed with the board the \$118,083 unpaid assessments from 2022-Present. Collector of Revenue's office mailed all those who are late to remind them. Still no payment.

5. Public Safety

A. Unhoused: Witt will be meeting with the Department of Health and Human Services on Friday August 14, 2026, to discuss a plan of action regarding the increase of unhoused on South Grand. Witt will send her notes to all board of directors as well as to all the South Grand businesses.

6. Maintenance

- A. Ritz Park:** Witt will be meeting with the Treasurer's office on Friday August 14, 2026, to discuss the future of Ritz Park and the needed legal steps to have it sold.

7. Economic Development:

- A. Business Development:** Witt met with Greater STL Inc. to discuss the support of finding developers to build new within the boundaries of the district. They were very open to supporting us on our ULI TAP proposal.
- B. Explore Saint Louis:** will be listing all South Grand businesses on their website. Witt will remind the businesses to fill out the portal. New branding will be announced shortly.
- C. SLDC:** Witt met with Westbrook the new President/CEO. She discussed three possible programs that he will support. Witt will have regularly scheduled meetings with Westbrook.

8. Other Matters Appropriate to Come Before the Board:

Becky Haley from NOVUS introduced herself. NOVUS just opened on South Grand near Carondelet Park. They offer health: primary care, women's health, psychiatric and counseling services, STI testing, Treatment and PrEP, HIV case management, dental care, chiropractic care and pain management, massage therapy, gender-affirming care, insurance assistance, food program, on site pharmacy.

9. Adjournment There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50am

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Witt, Executive Director, South Grand CID