

DUTCHTOWN COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
DATE: February 24, 2026

Attendance:

Directors Present: Caya Aufiero, Dainielle Fox (via Teams), Michael Powers, Ann Smart, Dwayne Nelson (via Teams)

Directors Absent: Fadumo Hassan

Guests: Tabatha Kittrell (note taker), Luke, Brian Cheli (via Teams), Dylan Coughlan (via Teams), Nate Lindsay (via Teams)

Call to Order:

Chair Caya Aufiero called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM and announced a quorum was present. Tabatha Kittrell took notes.

Public Comments:

1. Luke – Worked on the Dutchtown Bells project and excited to learn about other projects.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

1. Ann Smart moved to approve previous meeting minutes. Michael seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Ann Smart

1. Two emails were received from community members sharing feedback about the Flock contract.
 - a. Messages have been forwarded to the Safety Committee

Treasurer's report.

1. December expenses were minimal due to timing of holiday-related payments being processed in January.
2. Account balance as of December: approximately **\$64,000**
3. Treasurer noted:
 - a. Some receipts are still outstanding
 - b. No financial irregularities or concerns
 - c. Revenue varies monthly based on tax collection timing
4. Treasurer Action Items:
 - a. Provide total revenue collected in 2025
 - b. Explore total revenue collected since CID inception
 - c. Determine if Virginia Lights and Pocket Parks Grants were fully paid, since they are out of compliance (unfinished, no status reports and no final reports)

Safety Program Report – John Chen

1. Kwema Smart Badge pilot update
 - a. Pilot ended in December 2025
 - b. High participant satisfaction
 - c. Program expansion for additional 6 months recommended by Safety Committee
2. Ongoing coordination with SLMPD First District
 - a. Additional patrols to manage semi truck traffic

3. Emphasis on improving digital infrastructure (CRM, ticketing, reporting)
4. Board discussed community concerns regarding the petition related to Flock cameras.
Key considerations:
 - a. Data privacy and national context
 - b. Community trust and perception
 - c. Program effectiveness and cost (~\$20,000 annually)
 - d. Current contract is **paid through June 30**
 - e. Michael – Requests board members share their thoughts. Recommends that information that comes in through committees needs to be presented at the board meeting and read into the record.
 - f. Dainielle – Expressed distrust in Flock as a company regardless of audit findings.
 - g. Dwayne & Ann – Want to see the Advisory Committee’s findings before making a decision about the contract.
 - h. General agreement that a decision should not be made tonight but should not be indefinitely delayed.
5. Michael moved to reopen public comment period. Ann seconded. Motion carried.
 - a. Nate Lindsay – Clarified that the petition was not an attempt to villainize the board or the effort of the safety program. It was specific to the use of services from Flock Safety.
 - b. Luke – Drew attention to doubt created by the current administration, which creates mistrust in many vendors. Suggestion to explore Flock alternatives.

Old Business:

1. Independent audit completed with no major findings or issues identified.
 - a. Summary of findings sent to Board for approval.
 - b. Board to review and sign-off.
 - c. Ann moved to approve the audit from FEW. Michael seconded and the motion carried.
2. Policy for non-compliant grantees.
 - a. Discussion on how to address non-compliant grant recipients
 - i. Should a mechanism be added to grant process to manage non-compliance? Should we ask for funds to be returned to DTCID coffers?
 - b. General agreement to gather information on non-compliant grants.
 - i. Virginia Ave lighting and Virginia Ave pocket park project identified as non-compliant
 - ii. Dainielle will check to see what has been paid out for these grants.
3. Brand refresh
 - a. Continued progress on key art, website development, and street signage.
4. Roundabout intersection being maintained by volunteers.
5. CID sales tax status – awaiting budget estimate from Abdul Abdullah.
6. Kingsland Court brick pillar repair request - \$8,903
 - a. Drunk driver hit and destroyed one side of the brick façade at the front of Kingsland Court. The driver was uninsured. Neighbors have pursued the municipality but no assistance was available. Some bricks were disposed of by Spire.
 - b. Dainielle requested the CID to finance the repair at \$8,903 from Gillick Brick.

- i. Discussion:
 1. Whether this type of repair falls within CID funding scope
 2. Concerns about setting precedent for capital expenditures
 3. Potential alternative funding sources (city, responsible party)
 4. Community expectations and responsiveness.
- ii. Dainielle moved to approve funding to repair.
 1. In favor: 2
 2. Opposed: Majority
 3. Motion did not pass.
- iii. Michael moved to issue an RFP for repair to be posted for 30 days response time. Ann seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- iv. Additional exploration: city funding, accountability for responsible party, permitting and long-term durability

New Business:

1. Budget meetings to be scheduled.
2. Dutchtown Main Streets Executive Director Rob Carlson has resigned.
3. Missouri Main Streets are running webinars that may be of interest to the board.

Announcements:

1. MPNA meeting February 25th at the NICstl
2. DTMS Final Friday, Virginia pocket park 5:30 PM-7:30 PM
3. Connected Dutchtown Safety Summit: May 9th

Action Items:

1. Board to review and sign-off on completed audit.
2. Treasurer: Provide revenue totals (2025 and historical).
3. Treasurer: Provide estimation of monies paid for Virginia Ave lights and pocket park projects.
4. Continue CCN Advisory Committee recruitment.
5. Establish timeline for Flock-related decision.
6. Michael: Issue RFP for Kingsland Court repair.
7. Ann/Caya: Review and strengthen grant compliance policies.

Adjournment:

Ann moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:53. PM. Seconded by Michael. Motion unanimously carried. Next meeting: March 24, 2025 at 5:30 PM at the Neighborhood Innovation Center (NIC STL), 3207 Meramec, St. Louis, MO 63118 and online at <https://dutchtownstl.org/cidmeeting>.

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Minutes submitted by Tabatha Kittrell.