

## Meeting Minutes

### Cathedral Square Special Business District

Regular Scheduled Meeting 6:30, October 20, 2021

The Greystone - 410 North Newstead Avenue

**Commissioners Present:** Imran Hanafi, Kenneth Sowell, Claudia Wall, Carolyn Welton

**Commissioners Absent:** Arthur Hoffman and Mike Roth

**Others Present:** Jack Grone and Mike Smith (Both residents of McPherson/Members of McPherson Block Association. Ron Hasty and Gary Cole of GCI Security, Grace Hartman, (new resident), she stated that our posted meeting sign was responsible for her attendance.

**Note:** Iran Hanafi called for the approval of the September's minutes. All commissioners present acknowledged they had reviewed. The minutes were unanimously approved. It was noted that our upcoming meetings for the remaining year will remain as scheduled: (November 17<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup>).

### Security Report (Report Attached)

Hasty outlined GCI security report distributed previously via email. The report showed minimal change in our overall crime statistics. We although had several significant vehicle incidents during this period. Both resulted in vehicle robberies: (On 9/28/2021, 354 Boyle at 11:40 subject robbed of vehicle and subsequently ran over by own vehicle and died of injuries.) ***Hasty noted that Commissioner Welton was instrumental in assisting with the apprehension of suspect by providing CSSBD camera footage to the police investigators.*** As a result of the incident, Welton asked GCI to provide when asked, escort for staff of establishments located on Boyle to their cars. Cole agreed to do so.

The other incident occurred on (9/25/2021, 3:45pm at 316 N. Newstead-Car Jacking. The victim stated she was sitting in her car in front of her house when a subject walked up to her driver side door and stated "Get out of your car are I will shoot you!"; subject entered and fled. The vehicle was found but suspect yet to be apprehended.

### General

Cole commented that we need to continue encouraging residents to become more aware of their surrounding especially when entering and exiting their vehicles. Avoid being distracted by using your cell phone while seating in car and also refrain from leaving articles inside vehicles. Imran agreed to post crime safety information in our next newsletter. He also asked if GCI officers could assist in the placement of safety information pamphlets on vehicles when they notice articles left inside. Cole agreed to have officers participate.

**Camera Status**

We currently have (7) working cameras in the district. The camera on C. Weltons location which was reported in our last meeting is currently being repaired, the camera located in the rear alley of 4444 Westminster has been fully repaired. Cole stated the two cameras mounted in rear alley at 4444 Westminster and 4388 Westminster both have tree limbs obstructing the camera view. Cole suggested we obtain permission from both residents prior to making the adjustments. Sowell agreed to contact property owners to get permission and report progress.

To add support to the district cameras, Cole asked if we could obtain contact information from those residents within the district with personal security cameras. He felt this would add to our overall coverage and maybe can provide assistance to police when they are performing crime investigations. Our visitors representing the McPherson Block Association agreed to approach their group and Sowell agreed to do the same with the Fullerton Westminster Block Association. Cole agreed to have GCI be the primary keeper of this information and will construct a database. The information will be released to police investigators when deemed appropriate.

**Treasurer Report (Report Attached)**

Commissioner Wall distributed the updated budget report to all present along with the preliminary 2021 report which will be sent to the city for review. She also presented and received approval for submission to the city, as well.

**New Business**

Imran gave a brief update regarding the Maryland project. The majority of the meeting was consumed with discussion around the two car-jacking incidents.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kenneth Sowell