

Woodruff Place EID

Economic Improvement District

EID Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM, Tuesday, July 14 via Zoom video call due to COVID-19

Board members present: Charlie Neill; Will Pritchard; Linda Gilkerson; Jim Leich; Missy Ellis

Board members absent: Lyle Bass; Paul Russell

Guests: Tom Abeel; Chris Rutkowski

Minutes:

1. May 12 minutes – Jim noted that the minutes were not yet ready and that they could be reviewed at the next (September) meeting.
2. Treasurer's Report: Linda reported that not a lot had been spent to date. The kitchen move has not yet taken place since the cabinets were a month late in arriving. A down payment has been made.
3. Chris Rutkowski: Last year Chris volunteered to study the cost of repairing, scraping, and painting the Michigan Street metal fence. He was not successful in finding anyone interested in doing the repairs. He costed out the price for scraping and painting the section of fence along his property east of East Drive to the alley. That was \$2,975. Charlie noted that Woodruff owns a two foot strip around the whole neighborhood that will permit us to take care of removing weeds, trees, etc, particularly on the lot on the east side of East Drive.
Jim moved and Charlie seconded that we pursue two options to pay \$2,975 for starting with Chris' lot since no money was approved for this in the 2020 budget: (1) We can use \$1,000 from the EID portion of the 10th Street wall funds and ask the Foundation to pay the rest or (2) We can use \$1,000 from the EID portion of the 10th Street wall funds and pay the rest from unused Town Hall budgeted dollars. The motion was approved unanimously.
4. Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Public Works – The draft MOU has been drafted and the next step is to meet with DPW to make the proposal.
5. Assessment increase – EID is proposing a 5% increase in assessments in 2020 and we have informed the neighborhood. We have hit a snag. Will heard from the City Council attorney that the authorizing statute requires that we get approval by 60% of the neighborhood. Will contacted the attorney for the Fort Wayne EID who agreed with us that the 60% approval is not needed. The attorney proposed helping us for a fee. Will will ask Greg Touney, attorney for Ice Miller and neighborhood resident, if he can help us for a lesser fee.
6. Jim moved and Charlie seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Prepared by:



Jim Leich, Secretary, WPEID Board of Directors