

Meeting Notes

1. Initial Discussion involved determining what revenue structure the CID will use.
 - a. One stakeholder asked which structure provided more revenue – at first the flat rate does provide more revenue, though with structuring commercial properties the same as commercial properties located in the East Loop CID this raises the revenue significantly for the special assessment. Yusef, spoke up speaking to the progressive nature of the special assessment that would allow for most individuals to not be burdened in the same way that a flat rate may burden some individuals in the neighborhood, it was also mentioned that this allows for the rates to be determined by the city because of the assessed value on the house and not the stakeholders. It also gives flexibility and room for growth in the way it could raise additional revenue as the assessed values of property rise. Tonnie spoke up noting that many individuals in their neighborhood will question why individuals should pay more for the same services – something that would happen if the special assessment was chosen. A few individuals talked about apartment complexes having a higher density of people living in them, and using the services more and it could be argued that those property owners should be paying more.
 - b. After much discussion the majority of stakeholders agree that the special assessment is the best route to go. Narrative and messaging will be important to speak to what benefits the special assessment in particular provides.
2. A quick note was made of the community priorities ranking from the survey – These rankings were consistent across most individual's responses.
 - a. Safety & Security – 1st
 - b. Infrastructure – 2nd
 - c. Beautification – 3rd
 - d. Special events – 4th
3. Tonnie has been working with Peter Hoffman of legal services on vacancy issues for the West End neighborhood, Peter has asked Bryan Cave to take on pro-bono cases and has also asked if they would do the non-profit/petition work.
 - a. Identifying a lawyer to write the petition needs to happen as soon as possible.
4. The timeline for the how the petition and CID get approved was discussed.
 - a. As soon as the petition is written then the stakeholders will be able to start collecting signatures.
 - b. A short discussion focused on the board of directors for the non-profit of the
5. Mid-May, May 18th, is the rescheduled date for the Movie Night. Jeff (WUMCRC) will work with the movie company to get a list of new family movies.

Next Steps

- 1. Jes:**
 - a. Creating a Flyer for the movie night**
 - b. Working with Tonnie to get petition written by lawyer**
 - c. Get snacks for movie night, engagement event**
- 2. Tonnie**
 - a. Working with Jes to get petition written by lawyer**
 - b. Speak to Gordon about using his lot on May 18th**
- 3. Jeff:**
 - a. Get list of movies for movie night**
 - b. Work with Jes and Movie Screen company to schedule screen**
- 4. Lisa:**
 - a. Going to schedule meeting with Alderwoman Shameem, Tonnie, and Jes to talk about the CID.**