August 28th, 2024 JP CSMS Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members (9): Brad Brown, Janet Galloway, Karen O'Brien, Kate Raisz, Michael Epp, Michael Reiskind, Paul Stamatos, Pete McCoubrey and *Sarah Marsan*

Not in attendance (3): Brie Pullum, *Philip Celeste, and Sherisse Mayala-Nelson*

In attendance *(7):* *Ben Weber (City Councilor), Bonnie Delaune (B. Weber's office), Candice Crawford-Zakian, Caroline Peters (JP Liaison), Delhia Emanuel, Melissa Beltran and Ginger Brown*

Agenda:

Introductions, Minutes, Treasurer's report, Board-Design/Economic Vitality/Uplift/Promotions/Executive Directors/Old & New business

1. **Intro:-**
2. **Approval of Minutes** **JUNE 26 AND JULY 24, 2024 minutes**
   Small changes made by Michael Reiskind

Motion to approve both minutes by Kate Raisz, seconded by Pete McCoubrey. Approved 9-0-0

3. **Treasurer's Report –Brad Brown.**

Financial Position July 31st, 2024

Banks $81,384.09	Receivable $5,000.00	Current Assets $86,384.09
Equipment $16,949.74	Total Assets $93,723.13	
Accounts payable $1,536.50	Other Liabilities $7,181.36	
	Total Liabilities $8,717.86	
Earnings $70,967.35	Net Revenue $14,037.92	Equity $85,005.27

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY $93,723.13

Statement of Activity for July 2024

City Grants $18,000.00	Reimbursed Funds $4,034.16	Donations $200.00
Event Income $-0-	Grants $22,500.00	Sales $-0-
In-Kind contribution$-0-	Sponsorship $1,250.00	uncategorized $0.00
	Total Revenue $45,984.16	
Total Advertising $514.00	TOTAL Event Expenses $1,426.94	
Insurance $3,652.00	Payroll $10,342.44	Utilities $184.42
Expenditures $13,257.95	Other Revenue $22.80	Net other revenue $22.80
	NET OPERATING REVENUE $32,726.21	$32,749.01

Guest presentation: City Councilor Ben Weber made remarks regarding vacancies in the district and took questions as to how the city can assist in filling them. Specifically 684 Centre Street (formerly 7-11), he indicated he can have a hearing on commercial vacancies in the city. Ben will try to break the roadblocks in City Hall regarding the beautification Grants for fiscal year 2024 and 2025.

4. **JP CSMS Board:**

Board Report-M Reiskind - Work Plan FY 2025, Fall Fundraiser, Beautification Grants FY 2024

1) Work plan 2025 All committees have submitted their 2025 plan. Karen O'Brien motioned to approve JPCSMS work plan for year 2025. Seconded by Michael Epp. Approved 9-0-0.
   A progress report should be presented at the upcoming board meeting in September.

2) Fall Fundraiser schedule for Thursday October 17th, 2024 by Karen O'Brien.
The event will be called *"Books and Bites"* at the Footlight Club starting at 6-9PM, tickets priced at $100.00. There will be several authors speaking, led by John Fulton, author of The Flounder". There will be refreshments from local restaurants and signature cocktail
The committee meets every Wednesday at 5PM except on board meeting day.

5. **Design Team-Michael Epp-**
   a) Meeting with Boston Housing Authority on August 6th, 2024 with ideas for Grant 2024.

b) At the upcoming meeting in September they will discuss the new Rogerson House Beaufort proposal.
c) BBQ Chicken signage and Squares & Streets.
d) Chris Rotti is a new interested team member.

6. Economic Vitality Group

A) Report on Retail Corridor Discussion –met on August 7th.
B) LuMeNet –Workshop August 27th, 2024
C) Upcoming workshop –September 9th, 2024 "Legal Vitamins for Businesses".
D) A Chairperson is needed for the committee. The group picks the person.

7. Uplift Working Group- Ginger Brown

There hasn't been a meeting or event planned.
Committee also needs a chair and more representatives.

8. Promotion & Events –Kate Raisz

a) They are developing a texting (SMS) program for JP CSMS events.
b) Nite Market- Laura from Ms. Laura will be the market manager and will be paid from grant funds. $5,000.00 Grant from Boston Main Street Foundation.
c) Should there be a nite market in the winter season?
d) Oktoberfest:-

Kate indicated the Roslindale leg won't be possible due to the Parade Day. Hyde Park and West Roxbury will partner with us for the trolley tour on October 6th, 2024. The three points of interest are Roundhead for Hyde Park, Hive for Jamaica Plain at Loring Greenough House and The Corrib in West Roxbury. Egleston has no executive so we were unable to include Drawdown Brewery. Trolley travel times are 20 minutes from JP to Hyde Park 40 minutes full trip. Problem without Roslindale but not enough to stop it. We will emphasize the brewery history during tour.

e) Other events:
   a. South Street Mall Basketball Tournament- Saturday October 5th, 2024.
   b. Scavenger Hunt for Halloween October 31st, 2024
   c. Holiday Light Show December 2024 -January 2025
      Ginger has received a proposal from Diego for $15,000.00 (approved) for show at First Baptist Church steeple and travel.
      Another proposal for fence at the South Street Mall Fencing for $5,000.00. The question for the board is ways to raise the money
   d. Canine Costume Parade –Saturday October 26th, 2024
      Ken Sazama isn't able to be the major sponsor this year

9. Executive Directors Report-Wellness Fair, Business/Volunteer of the year, News

1) Health & wellness Fair-October 26th, 2024 at Loring Greenough House from 4-7PM.
2) Business of the year & Volunteer of the year – Kate Raisz will be on Monday October 28th, 2024 in conjunction with Boston Main Street.
3) News-
   There was a fire at 666 Centre Street the Smoke Shop.
   Space available at 668 Centre Street formerly Nckls and Dimes
4) BB.Q chicken at 654 Centre Street is now open
5) Jadu at 767 Centre Street is still working on their renovations.

10. **New business** /Old News

The next meeting will be held on September 25th, 2024 in person at the JPCSMS offices.

Meeting adjourned at 6:07pm.