**ENGLEWOOD SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT CORPORATION
Board Meeting Minutes**

**August 13th , 2024**

Board Members in Attendance:

* Al Krull, Chairperson
* Linda Dunham, Vice Chairperson
* Lori DeSimone Ramil – Treasurer via zoom
* Adam Brown
* Ken Rosenzweig – Englewood City Council via zoom
* Andrew Tronick
* Max BIttan

Board Members Excused: None

Other Attendees (s):

* Jacey Raimondo SID ED
* Charles Cobb
* Carol Rauscher NNJCC

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Krull at 8:09am.

Motion to accept the July 9th , 2024, SID Board Meeting Minutes presented by Chairperson Krull; moved for acceptance by Vice Chairperson Dunham; seconded by Ken Rosenzweig; moved by unanimous Board approval.

**Financial Matters:**

The Treasurer Lori DeSimone Ramil presented the July financials and expenditures.

Chairperson Krull moved to approve the July financials and July expenditures; moved for acceptance by Board member Bittan; seconded by Board Member Rosenzweig ; moved by unanimous Board approval.

**ED/Chairperson Updates:**

* No updates from City Manager – ED has not been able to schedule a meeting. ED will continue requesting meeting for September.
* The board discussed recent incident at Sophia’s and private security pros and cons. Board member Rosenzweig reported that police overtime budget was reduced for FY25, however the incident took place during regular patrol times so the reduction of the overtime should not have had an impact on the regular patrolling of downtown. The consensus was that security/safety of city central business district is the City’s responsibility. The board agreed to continue discussing this very important issue with the City Manager, City Police and City Council. Agreed that a police presence is extremely important.
* Car charger upgrades scheduled for August 22nd. Board member Brown recommended signage needs to be coordinated with Liberty Technologies and to be promoted on Discover Downtown Englewood social media sites. A three-hour parking/charging limit will be stated on signage and ticketing will be the responsibility of city parking officials.
* SID dues discussion: City is charged with forwarding $62,500. payment quarterly. SID fee transfer of funds is not dependent on city collection of fees. ED will remind City Comptroller of the fixed quarterly SID payment amount. Board member Rosenzweig agreed to also discuss with the City Manager. The city does not allow SID payments to be paid online, ED asked to investigate and report back to SID.
* SID increased the porter time to five (5) days a week specifically to remove the paper posts on the light poles. Board member Bittan reported that city can ticket any postings that have a phone number/address/email address. ED to raise this issued with City Manager.
* SID is waiting for City BID procedures for public work to move forward with city scape improvement work.
* SID area light poles have all been tested, repaired and the outlet connections have been taped to dissuade food delivery bikers from charging phones on the light poles.
* Social media July posts reported by ED – reached 2000 followers; account engaged up 54% from June. We shared 102 posts, and all our 2000 followers are posted. All reposts are done in story format and they do disappear after 24 hours.
* Board member Bittan reported that the social media stickers need to be distributed to all shopkeepers. ED agreed to distribute.
* Focus Lighting – Chairman Krull to reach out to Focus Lighting directly.
* ED to request NNJCC what the criteria/cost is for a ribbon cutting presentation for new businesses. All new businesses should be welcomed/ribbon cutting free of charge. SID is willing to underwrite the NNJCC program but needs specifics.
* Board discussed flooding in the downtown business district. Storm drainage clean out program is ongoing by city DPW. Storm drains at Starbucks/Palisades and Dean corners need attention. ED to follow up with DPW. City Council President reported that DPW has a regular maintenance program of storm drains. The SID Chairperson asked if Army Corp of Engineers have been contacted to address flooding in the downtown area; City Manager has been meeting with NJ DEP and is working on a 40M grant to work with regional towns/cities on flooding response/planning. SID Chairperson will contact the city engineer to discuss city response to recent flooding in the downtown.
* Board member Brown asked for cityscape improvement planter samples and the locations of cityscape projects to observe.

**Misc. / New Business:**

Chairperson Krull moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:02; seconded by Vice Chairperson Dunham; moved by unanimous board approval.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: September 10th , 2024.**