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

**February 11, 2025**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

* Al Krull, Chairperson
* Linda Dunham, Vice Chairperson
* Max Bittan
* Ken Rosenzweig (left the mtg at 8:46am)
* Adam Brown
* Andrew Tronick

**Board Members Excused:**

* Lori DiSimone Ramil
* Linda Dunham, Vice Chairperson

**Other Attendees (s):**

* Jacey Raimondo SID ED in person
* Mayor Michael Wildes
* John Imbiano, IQ Landscape Architects

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Krull at 8:05 am.

Chairperson Krull moved to accept January 14th, 2025; SID Board Meeting Minutes as presented; moved for acceptance by Board Member Bittan; seconded by Board Member Brown ; moved by unanimous Board approval.

**Financial Matters:**

The Executive Director presented the January financial reports and expenditures.

Chairperson Krull moved to approve the January financial reports and January expenditures; moved for acceptance by Board Member Bittan; seconded by Board Member Brown; moved by unanimous Board approval.

The ED reported audit preparation is proceeding. SID has provided all documentation to the auditors and advised that any questions related to the city’s SID payables be directed to City CFO Michael Kaufman. City Liaison Board, Ken Rosenzweig agreed to contact City CFO in response to the auditors’ outstanding questions.

ED reported that accountants filed an extension to file FY24 tax return. . When the audit is presented and approved by SID the accountants will complete the corresponding tax return for SID review and submission.

SID Draft Budget continues to be fine-tuned. SID expects to present the FY26 budget to the City Council at a meeting in the spring of 2025.

**Updates:**

* ED to forward Discover Downtown Englewood logo to Carol Rauscher for logo to be placed on the Englewood Street banners that are hung across Palisades Avenue.
* Board Member Brown reported that years ago the EEDC paid PSEG for access to PSEG polls in order to install 14 wi fi cobra heads to provide public wifi in the downtown corridor. ED to confirm with the city that the outdated wifi internet service should be decommissioned.
* It was decided that EV charging services in the parking garage provided by Liberty Technologies be turned over to the city considering the city-wide parking plan recently introduced to the city council by Englewood police department. City liaison board member, Rosenzweig agreed to inform the City Council parking subcommittee, and Council President that SID is turning the EV chargers over to the city. ED to put EV vendor in touch with city of Englewood CFO.
* The city’s parking plan was presented to the City Council at the February 4th meeting by the city police. SID discussed the proposed increase in the monthly parking permits and how it along with an increase in daily parking charges would negatively affect the public from visiting downtown Englewood.
* John Imbiano, IQ Landscape Architects, informed SID that the plans and specifications for downtown improvements are out for bid. The bid quotes are expected to be submitted for review by February 28th .

IQ Landscape Architects hopes to have the downtown improvements (planters/benches/bike racks) installed by late June and/or early July. In response to Chairperson Krull request, John will inquire about the supplier of the benches and planters setting up a corner of the improvements as a way of cascading the future work to the public.

Board member Brown requested that the benches include signage noting that they are “Paid for by the merchants of Englewood”.

SID will consider the cost of plant installations, maintenance/watering costs, replacement and repair of wear and tear etc., before confirming the total amount of planters to be installed.

* The city vermin abatement plan will be forwarded by DPW prior to the March meeting.
* ED to collect and present for consideration at the March board meeting lighting plans to enhance North Van Brunt, North and South Dean Streets, and the walkway to the garage from Palisades Avenue. ED to confirm availability of electricity for all lighting improvements.
* Chairperson Krull moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48am; seconded by Board Member Bittan; moved by unanimous board approval.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: March 11, 2025, in person and via zoom**

* SID discussed the possibility of lighting other areas of SID district. ED to pursue enhanced lighting plans and cost estimates in the SID district to include walkway from Palisades Avenue to city garage and Van Brunt Street. The actual structural improvements and safety improvements in the garage are being addressed by the City Council. Board Member Rosenzweig reported garage parking prices are also being addressed. Board Member Bittan asked that the city include in its garage improvement plans a lighting plan for Palisades Avenue walkway to the garage as well as increasing police presence with focus on unhoused persons habiting the area.