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

**October 8th, 2024**

Board Members in Attendance:

* Al Krull, Chairperson in person
* Linda Dunham, Vice Chairperson in person
* Adam Brown via cell phone
* Ken Rosenzweig via zoom
* Andrew Tronick via zoom
* Max Bittan via zoom

Board Members Excused: Lori DeSimone Ramil

Other Attendees (s):

* Jacey Raimondo SID ED via zoom
* Tom Greeley City Police
* Matt de la Rosa City Police
* Carol Rauscher NNJCC via zoom

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Krull at 8:04 am.

Motion to accept the September 10th, 2024, SID Board Meeting Minutes presented by Chairperson Krull; moved for acceptance by Vice Chairperson Dunham; seconded by Board Member Bittan; moved by unanimous Board approval.

**Financial Matters:**

The Executive Director presented the September financials and expenditures.

Chairperson Krull moved to approve the September financials and September expenditures; moved for acceptance by Vice Chairperson Dunham; seconded by Board Member Rosenzweig ; moved by unanimous Board approval.

ED reported that the audit for 2023 has begun, and auditors are working with SID bookkeeper.

**ED/Chairperson Updates:**

* Matt de La Rosa reported that the security camera project pricing and product selection is ongoing with an emphasis on improving the existing software and hardware. The city police have been conducting demonstrations and they are proposing expansion of the old system rather than purchasing a new system. IT professionals are working with vendors to make sure the improvements proposed produce a better-quality photo to use to identify license plates and facial recognition. The city is looking at adding more cameras to improve the coverage so that the existing cameras do not need to be utilized by zooming in to identify license plate or facial recognition as the zoom in feature create a poor quality photo. The city has investigated other Bergen County city video/camera systems with focus on the feedback communication to the police station. A decision on enhancements to camera improvements is expected to be made in the next 60 to 90 days.
* Tom Greeley confirmed the status of hiring of new officers which are expected to begin in January 2025. Currently 84 officers (4 in police academy) with others with plans to retire. The City Manager will work with City Council on the number of officers to be hired.
* Tom Greeley confirmed that manpower coverage is being addressed regarding a city holiday detail. Mr. Greeley reported that he would like officers to walk the Palisades Avenue corridor as the holidays approach.
* Tom Greeley reported that current new recruits after passing entrance exam in January 2024 started police academy in August 2024 and graduate police academy January 2025 then mentorship/training through April 2025. Transfer/lateral hirings can begin training in two months

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* Regarding homeless protocol - call the police as they are engaged in an Arrived Together program and City has in house screener and now builds rapport in order to figure out what services will best support the homeless subject. Matt de la Rosa confirmed the police have had successes with the program by targeting services to needs. He confirmed in patient program requests do need proof of prior incidences on the street so any reports to police are important.
* The issue of electricity from string lighting being used by e delivery workers was discussed – the relocation of these folks is being discussed between the City Manager and city police. There is no state statute that prevents e scooters from riding on the sidewalk. The City Council could propose an ordinance to ban e scooters from sidewalks from a sidewalk safety point of view. However, the e scooters are then pushed into parking on the street which often presents another parking/safety issue. There is nothing in the city code that addresses bikes being chained to signs or electrical poles. Mr. Bittan noted that SID is moving forward with bike rack installations.
* SID moved to hire Dean Street Greenery to remove current spring plantings and replace with fall plantings within the next few weeks – 26 pots in total.
* Car charger upgrade progress: SID discussed policy and confirmed a 2-hour limit with 15-minute grace period. (parking lot chargers are not rapid chargers), at .50 cents per hour. It was recommended that the car charger fees be collected by SID and the parking fee for the parking spaces continue to be collected by City. ED to discuss with City Manager the proposal of a ordinance allowing for the ticketing of e car charger parkers that overstay 2 hours/15 minutes grace period.
* Bike Racks waiting for specifications and pricing for bike rakes. ED to present scope of work/spec/location/color to SID at November meeting.
* Social media September posts reported by ED – reached 2272 followers. 323 posts.
* Holiday Lighting/snowflakes to go up the week of November 18th.

**Misc. / New Business:**

* The City of Englewood hired T.H. to run the June 2025 Evening Sidewalk event.
* November SID meeting moved to November 19th.

Chairperson Krull moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03am; seconded by Vice Chairperson Dunham; moved by unanimous board approval.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: November 19th, 2024.**