



June 14, 2023, Board Meeting

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Sisters of Charity Health System

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In attendance:

SAIC Board: Edna T. Akrish, Greg Deming, Michael English, Dan LaGuardia, Karen Perkowski, Alex Ragon, and Ashley Ross

Staff: Emily Dahnert, Mark Lammon, and Rachel Williams

- I. Welcome & Overview of Meeting Layout Mark Lammon
 - a. **There is a quorum present for the SAIC board meeting.**

Superior Arts Improvement Corporation Agenda

- II. Welcome/Call Meeting to Order Karen Perkowski
 - a. Karen Perkowski thanks Sisters of Charity for hosting the meeting.
- III. April Board Meeting Minutes Karen Perkowski
 - a. Dan LaGuardia motions to approve the April board meeting minutes. Alex Ragon seconds. **The motion to approve the April board meeting minutes passes.**
- IV. Financial Report Mark Lammon
 - a. The current bank balances for the Superior Arts District are included in the board packet. There is not a traditional finance report this month.
 - b. An assessment check of \$110,000 was deposited last week that is not reflected on the May financial statements.
- V. Operations Report Dan LaGuardia
 - a. DCA Clean & Safe Services
 - i. At the Operations Committee last week, there was a request to see if Block by Block would be willing to independently contract with the Superior Arts Improvement Corporation (SAIC). Block by Block would like for an RFP to be released because they are “tired of Cleveland politics” and do not want to anger Downtown Cleveland Alliance (DCA), who is a much bigger client than the SAIC.
 - ii. The SAIC is currently on a month-to-month contract with DCA.
 - iii. There is concern that DCA does not understand the boundaries of the Superior Arts District, so Clean & Safe services are not being deployed across the entire service area.
 - b. Request for Special SAIC Independent Board Meeting
 - i. Due to continued problems with Clean & Safe services, it is the recommendation of board members to have a special SAIC independent board meeting in July at Lake Affect Studios to discuss Clean & Safe services and the SAIC’s contract with DCA.
 - ii. Dan LaGuardia motions to approve the convening of a special SAIC independent board meeting in July. Karen Perkowski seconds the motion. **The motion to approve the convening of a special SAIC independent board meeting in July passes.**
- VI. Placemaking Report Edna Akrish
 - a. Banner Program Quote Approval
 - i. The board can decide whether to have single or double banners down Superior Avenue. Some of the banners will have to be single anyway because of the trees along the side of the street.

- ii. The quote for double banners came in at \$21,871.00, while the quote for single banners came in at \$17,985.00. The board had previously approved a budget of \$20,000.00 for the banner project.
 - iii. Dan LaGuardia motions to approve the purchase of single banners. Edna T. Akrish seconds the motion. **The motion to approve the purchase of single banners passes.**
 - b. Mural Program Quote Approval
 - i. LAND Studio recommended that the SAIC contract directly with Tom Starinsky as a consultant because of their heavy workload right now.
 - ii. Tom Starinsky's proposal includes running the mural program by identifying buildings and artists, obtaining permits, and overseeing installation. It does not include paint or actual installation costs; only back-end work.
 - iii. Michael English motions to approve the proposal to contract with Tom Starinsky as a mural program consultant. Edna T. Akrish seconds the motion. **The motion to approve the proposal to contract with Tom Starinsky as a mural program consultant passes.**

VII. New Business and Announcements Karen Perkowski
a. There are no members of the public present to speak.

VIII. Adjourn Karen Perkowski
a. Karen Perkowski motions to adjourn the meeting. Edna T. Akrish seconds the motion. **The motion to adjourn the meeting passes.**

Board Packet Includes:

- April 12, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes
- April 20, 2023, Operations Committee Minutes
- Superior Arts District Financial Statements
- June 8, 2023, Operations Committee Minutes
- May 2023 Clean and Safe Report
- May 16, 2023, Placemaking Committee Minutes
- Morgan Litho Superior Arts District Banner Quote Invoices
- Superior Arts District Mural Project Implementation Proposal