

**Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission  
Virtual Meeting  
4:00 p.m., Thursday, February 10, 2022**

MINUTES

**Present:**

Charlene Aaron, Commissioner	Aaron Gurnsey, Vice President
Erica Austin, Commissioner	Jack Mazzotti, Commissioner
Ryan Croke, President	Norm Sims, Commissioner
Egbe Egiebor, Commissioner	John Stremsterfer, Commissioner

**Absent:** Rex Brown, Joe Hurwitz, Gurpreet Mander

**Staff Support:** Ramona Metzger (Treasurer), Abby Powell (Staff Support)

**Other Guests:** LaKeisha Purchase (Ward 5 Alderwoman), Kayla Graven (Executive Director, DSI), Ryan McCrady (President and CEO, SSGA), Linda Maier (Enos Park), Jim Langfelder (Mayor, City of Springfield), Chris Elsey (The Prime Company), Ravi Doshi (City of Springfield)

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**1. Call to order and roll call**

President CROKE called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm after noting a quorum was present. Attendance as indicated above.

**2. Approval of the Minutes of the September 29, 2021 Commission meeting**

On a motion by Commissioner SIMS, seconded by Commissioner AARON, commission members unanimously approved the minutes of the September 29, 2021, meeting.

**3. Financial Report:**

METZGER reviewed the consolidated financial statements for 2021. On a motion by President CROKE and second provided by Vice President GURNSEY, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the 2021 financial statements.

**4. Stakeholder Updates:**

- Mayor Langfelder thanks the commissioners for their work with the medical district.
- Alderwoman Purchase expressed appreciation for the support of the Commission for the Enos Park TIF extension. She is working with Senator Doris Turner to secure additional funding for development in the medical district.
- Dr. Aaron informed the Commission of the new program at St. John's College of Nursing, which will be the first LPN pathway to a BSN in Illinois.

**5. Public Comment**

Chris Elsey (The Prime Company) discussed a proposed housing project that would create 124 units of workforce housing. The project would repurpose the Myers Building and use IHDA funds and Historic Tax Credits. Mr. Elsey asked the Commission to provide any available data demonstrating a need for affordable housing and request a letter of support for the project.

**6. Old Business**

- a) Comprehensive plan – Ryan McCrady updated the commission on planning. There were over 10 responses to the RFP; the goal is to have a plan that can be used to develop the MIMD and downtown. He thanked the Springfield Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission, specifically Molly Berns, who provided valuable expertise. STREMSSTERFE thanked the commission for its support.
- b) City grant and other development opportunities – Ravi Doshi updated the commission of ongoing grant activities in Enos Park and informed commissioners of the new business grant available, which uses a portion of the sales tax generated by cannabis sales.
- c) Web site redesign – POWELL provided an update on efforts to modernize the MIMD web site.

**7. New business -2022 Meeting Schedule**

President CROKE made a motion to adopt the meeting schedule proposed below, and a second was provided by STREMSSTERFER. The motion was unanimously approved.

February 10

June 9

October 13

April 14

August 11

December 8

Meetings will occur at 4pm

**8. Adjourn**

On a motion from Vice President GURNSEY, Second by Commissioner SIMS, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

Joe Hurwitz, MIMD Commission Secretary