



**August Meeting
South Side Christian Church
2600 South MacArthur Boulevard
Thursday August 11th 2022**

August Meeting Minutes

- 1. Welcome – Mike Higgins**
 - a. Meeting convened at 7:38am

- 2. MBA Business**
 - a. Secretary's Report – Denise Perry
 - i. Motion to approve-Bill, Second-Stephen; all in favor
 - b. Treasurer's Report – Justin Creasey, absent – no report

- 3. Speaker-Sai Joshi**
 - a. From Mumbai, studied architecture, open design planning, infrastructure inequities, global climate crisis, housing-revitalizing neighborhoods
 - b. City of Springfield objectives
 - i. 3 year fellow-abandoned and dilapidated projects
 - ii. tackle some mayoral objectives
 - iii. whole block restoration
 - iv. block assessment-looking at South Grand and Cook

- 4. Local Government Update**
 - a. Alderman Ward 7, City of Springfield: Joe McMenamin
 - i. Acknowledged Mayor Langfelder in the audience
 - ii. David Bernstein-Larkspur Properties
 1. welcoming force for development
 - iii. Dial Court-new road surface
 1. chip and oil to asphalt
 - iv. 4 way stop sign at Laurel and Dial Court
 - v. Chatham Cafe
 1. availability of contractors, funeral slowing down progress

- b. Mary Jo Bangert, Mayor, Leland Grove
 - i. Chatham Road completed, now cars have been clocked 80-100 MPH
 - ii. Leland Grove-13th best place to retire
- c. Alderwoman Ward 8, City of Springfield: Erin Conley
 - i. shifting with new ward boundaries
 - ii. currently serves in DNR, State National Flood Insurance
 - iii. previously served as IDPH COVID-19 response coordinator
 - iv. Ward has a blend of historic to newer neighborhoods
- d. Blackhawk School, Stephanie McCorkle, Principal
 - i. Media blitz for new additions
 - 1. August 20th, 9:30-10am
 - 2. Building improvements consisted of:
 - a. main entrance moved to College
 - b. the main office moved from the middle of the school to the exterior, making it safer.
 - c. new music, library, and art room
 - 3. Volunteers needed for programming at Blackhawk-217-525-3195 or email smmcorkle@sps186.org

5. New Business

- a. Melissa Hostetter
 - i. Diaper Depot at Laurel United Methodist Church
 - ii. September 10th, and December 10th-upcoming events
 - iii. May and July drives served 200 children, and gave away \$5K in supplies between the two events
- b. MBA Board Meeting
 - i. recycling event
 - 1. Drive through event similar to Local First recycling event

6. Old Business

- a. Bites on the Boulevard-September 15th

7. Adjourned at 8:26am

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Perry, MBA Board Secretary