

August 2022 Meeting Minutes

SHAW NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Neighborhood Meeting

August 1, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.

online via Zoom and in-person at 3901 Shaw

City Updates

Officer Nicola Walker & Detective Timothy Simms, District 2 SLMPD (:10)

- Update on Carjackings
 - Some new updates on contacts in the 2nd district
- Make sure to have good lighting outside
 - Reports on burglaries are up, including garages
 - Installing camera on a detached garage is very useful, particularly if installed inside the garage
- If you have a Kia or Hyundai, recommend using a club to secure the car
 - Clubs may be available from police stations, Five Star Center on Arsenal
 - Do not leave any items of value visible in the car
 - Do not leave firearms in the car (50-60 firearms stolen from cars)
- At gas station – lock doors, keep keys with you
- Get an automatic start for your car for the winter
- No updates on the car jacking on Shaw

Annie Rice, 8th Ward Alderwoman (:25)

- Election coming up tomorrow – check polling place
 - Missouri School for Blind or Christian School
- Proposition S – no tax increase, re-issue of bonds.
 - School buildings need maintenance – roofs, floors, bathrooms, infrastructure
- Proposition F – increase fine for illegal dumping from \$500 to \$1000
 - Cannot increase the fine without a ballot initiative
 - Targeting contractors and those dumping tires
- Flooding
 - Fortunate that this neighborhood was not as impacted
 - If you had a sewer backup, make sure to report to the Citizens Bureau (<https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/public-safety/neighborhood-stabilization-office/citizens-service-bureau/index.cfm>)
 - There are in the process of seeking FEMA relief
 - <http://stlouis-mo.gov/flood> for more resources
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 - To have volunteers sign up for shifts, please use this link : <https://www.stlvolunteer.org/opportunity/a0C4W00000idNWXUA2/st-louis-city-command-post-volunteers-needed>

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- Conditional Use Hearing for Salama market on Grand
 - Conditional Use Permit was denied by the Zoning board
- Kia and Hyundai – get a club for the car
 - The Five Star Senior Center has clubs available for purchase - \$15 for a \$40 club.
 - Call 314-664-1008 or stop by 2832 Arsenal or visit <https://5starcc.org>
- Question on process for recovering stolen cars.
 - When cars are recovered they get towed to the City lot. Question on if people need to pay to pick them up. Can call the local station, there may be an online process. Gary Hosna seems to have more information on the process for recovering cars. (Officer Walker responded and Annie Rice is also available to help)
- Question: information on sighting dumpers and
 - Dedicated department for tracking dumpers – cameras in alleys to track dumping
 - Citizens can also make a report about dumping by contacting the CSB (<https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/public-safety/neighborhood-stabilization-office/citizens-service-bureau/index.cfm>)
 - If you see the dumping happening, call 911 – if not, try to get pictures. Evidence of the dumping is very useful.
- Housing unit reduction surcharge bill has not moved forward to the ballot this fall. Still be worked on with a potential graduated fee. Annie is co-sponsoring the bill.
- Question – speeding and running stop signs at Kelmm and Magnolia
 - Rash of criminal driving
 - Have had several hit and run incidents
 - Trying to slow down drivers, no requirements in MO for drivers training
 - Officer Walker – car stops are a two person assignment, so they try to do traffic stops when they can, but they do not always have people available.
 - You can request the district to watch specific spots. You can contact Officer Walker at ncwalker@slmpd.org
 - City is looking at more ways to protect pedestrians. Looking at curb bump outs, etc
 - Question – are speed humps being considered for Magnolia? Cannot be placed on bus or snow routes. Tend to be very hard on buses, people that drive badly also fly over the speed humps. It is one tool that can be used.
 - There is only one skycop for the 2nd District, but that is an option to place there occasionally. Also it may lead to people slowing down for the stop signs.

Community Updates

Bill Duffe, St. Louis Conflict Resolution Center(:10) <https://www.crcstl.org/>

- This is a service that has been available in other cities for some time
- Determined that this service would be contracted out and not provided by the city
- Mediation seeks to use trained mediators to resolve a dispute and prevent going to a law suit
- City pays for this service, so it is available to all residents for free
- A lot of business is landlord/tenant issues, can be neighbor/neighbor, etc
- Mediation is not arbitration – do not make a decision, try to help the 2 parties come together
- Also provide counseling to single parties where the other party is not willing to participate in mediation
- Question: How do you initiate the process? Call phone number, contact via email or the website.

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- Question: What happens if the conflict is with an employee of the city? They can still assist with mediation.

Carron (CJ) Johnson, St. Louis Public Schools Bond Issue (:01)

- The speaker was not able to attend. Moving on.

SNIA Updates

Approval of Minutes from April and June (:05)

- Motion to Approve: Stephanie Herbers, seconded by Rebecca. All in attendance approved

Treasurer's Report (:05)

- Rebecca presented budget
- Majority of income is from Art Fair, followed by Dog Park, then membership
- Question: How much is dog park membership? \$40 (may be a multidog discount)

Redistricting – meet new legislators (10)

- Representative LaKeySha Bosley – state representative for 80% of the Shaw Neighborhood
 - o Issues – reproductive rights for women (mortality rate for MO is very high), criminal justice reform
 - o Would like to hold a town hall soon
 - o 314-243-9928 (mobile), office 573-751-6800
- State Senator Karla May – will be communicating accomplishments in the senate
 - o <https://www.senate.mo.gov/may>
 - o 314-749-9985 (mobile), office Dr Jason Growth 573-751-3599

Announcements (:05)

August 13 – Tower Grove Baptist (9AM – 12)

- Shred and e-Cycle day . They will accept kitchen appliances, laptops, monitors and TVs are \$5.
- Only cost is for CRT monitors

Shakespeare in the Park (8/3)

Moonlight Ramble (13th)

- Will be some road closures

Dog Park

- Committee has convened and is working on improvements to the park

Beautification Committee

- Dead trees in Dorothea and Juanita parks – trying to get OK from the city to remove the trees

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Neighborhood get together on 3800 block of Botanical

Still looking for volunteers for the Art Fair – need volunteers for all parts of the fair, and to host artists
<http://shawartfair.org>

Motion to adjourn 8:07 pm

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

2022 Shaw Neighborhood Meetings: Oct 3, Dec 5

2022 SNIA Board Meetings: Sep 19, Nov 21

Historic Shaw Art Fair: Oct 8-9, 2022