

# SHAW NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

*May 15, 2023*

*7:00 pm online via Zoom*

*# Board Members in Attendance: 19*

### **Welcome & Introductions (1 min)**

### **Approval of January Minutes (1 min)**

*Steve Kelley motioned to approve minutes, Geegee Higgins seconded. All were in favor.*

### **President's Report (10 min)**

Greenhouse Venture requested small signage and painting of curb. All approved by MODOT, the land owner. Requested a letter of support that was provided.

Neighborhood Stabilization – Henry has been helping, but no permanent person.

Someone from the Assessor's office will be at the June meeting. A document will be shared via the president regarding appealing the tax assessment.

### **Treasurer's Report (1 min)**

Report will be sent out later – Treasurer is at a work conference.

### **Block Captain Updates/Concerns/Wins (10 min)**

Steve Kelley on the 3800 block of Russell, but have been requesting updated on landscaping. Russell and 39<sup>th</sup> grass is looking tall. Landscaping was supposed to start last week. Will follow up. Maren also stated Castleman was not mowed last week.

Gary found contact info for short term rentals (an AirBnB contact) and problem properties, and will send to Jenny to send out to block captains.

Colleen did a clean up on 3600 block of Russell. It was a decent turn out and they worked on picking up trash and then worked on the garden beds at Russell and Grand.

### **Determine Location(s) for St. Louis Neighborhood Trask Pick-up Event (5 min)**

June 24/25 Trash Pickup Weekend, hoping to start at Grand. Aaron Dohogne is organizing it for the city, but we are hoping to get a group for an early start to beat the heat. It was requested to be home by 10am. Please count your pieces of trash, so Aaron can calculate the impact of this event!

A trash pick up tip from Emma - if you have a bucket, it's usually better than a bag. If you find needles, glass or sharp objects that can easily rip holes in bags or poke you as you walk, this prevents issues!

**Discuss Ideas/Priorities for: (15 minutes)**

• **Cash Reserve Policy (initial discussion, no vote)**

Multiple people voiced interest in maintaining enough salary for Jenny, and a year of Art Fair, but less emphasis on maintaining enough for rent of the office space. Perhaps a year of operating budget, and focus on priorities when that happens.

• **August & November Neighborhood Meetings**

Would anyone be interested in a roundtable discussion, instead of the usual presentation model. At the Flora Place CID, there were different board members at tables that facilitated discussions of topics, and people could leave notes on post-it notes?

Station of “if you lived here under 6 months” to learn more. Or time between presentations and questions, to determine what your table thinks may be important to ask.

Nobody is against the idea – but people can bring thoughts to the next Board meeting for discussion. Goal is *not* for a longer meeting.

**Committee Updates/Announcements (10 min)**

Dog Park: A small group showed up for a dog park clean-up. Not a lot of complaints about dog park. Things going very well!

Communication and Youth committees are open!

**Upcoming Neighborhood Events**

- June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Flora Yard Sale (8am-1pm)
- June 4<sup>th</sup> – Shop Shaw Event
- June 27<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday night block party on 4000 Shenandoah
- July 4<sup>th</sup> – Youth Parade down Flora

*With no further business to discuss, Geegee Higgins motioned to adjourn the meeting, Chip Meyer seconded; all were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.*

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

2023 SNIA Board Meetings: July 17, Sep 18, Nov 20

2023 Shaw Neighborhood Meetings: Jun 5, Aug 7, Oct 2, Dec 4

Next Meeting: June 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm, Wild Carrot and Zoom