

SHAW NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Neighborhood & General Membership Meeting December 5, 2022 - 7:00 p.m. @ Wild Carrot

City Updates

- Alderwoman Annie Rice (15 min)
 - Board of Alderman in session for 2 more meetings, January 5 or 6 more meetings before close of season.
 - April elections, reduction of alderman representation.
 - Meghan Green is new Alderman President
 - Planning for new Ward functioning
 - Funds remaining in accounts and Ward Capital Accounts going forward
 - Proposal for Charter Commission
 - 9 Commissioners
 - 1 Year to meet to hear from public, departments, city employees
 - Make recommendations that go back to the ballot
 - Automatically reoccurs every 10 years
 - Board of Alderman in January
 - Ballot Proposal in April
 - ARPA dollars
 - Transportation (traffic calming, wireless technology)
 - Working Families (direct assistance)
 - Universal Basic Income – pilot – hearing Thursday morning on HUDS committee – meeting available on Zoom
 - Question: what is the Charter?
 - Outlines the roles and responsibilities of city government
 - Predated the Missouri Constitution
 - Has not been reformed since 1918
 - What can the constituents expect as a result of the consolidation of Alderpeople?
 - Going in a little blind, seeking to understand what will be impacted
 - If anyone know of anything that is related to the Alderman role, please reach out to the Alderman Rice to make sure it is on her radar
 - Increasing salary for Alderman (currently \$36,000 and part time)
 - Bill moving forward to make it a full time job and increased salary
 - City employees have been on a raise freeze or awhile
 - Each alderperson have their own staff person
 - Zoom Question – Board of Freeholders
 - Specific process that pulls City and County together to work on cooperative functions
 - Metropolitan Sewer District
 - Stalled process of combining city and county, interest in the idea of consolidation
 - Raised concern on speed bumps on Thurman going North South

- Has raised speed bumps as an option for 39th but it is not possible due to bus lines, etc
 - Only thing that slows traffic in things that get in the way
 - Bricks on Thurman are a speed slowing measure
- Follow up: is South Grand a target for traffic calming
 - Major roadway to be repaved
 - Looking for curb bump outs
 - Business district is one of the most heavily traffic calmed areas already – speaks to the level of criminal driving
 - Kingshighway Arsenal south for improvement
 - Contact state representatives to advocate for drivers training
- Introduction of Henry Brown – contact for City Services
 - Neighborhood Stabilization and Citizen Service Bureau
 - Potholes, City Sidewalks, Problems with Neighbor
 - Likes digging in and finding answers for things
 - Email: brownh@stlouis-mo.gov
 - Phone: 314-613-3120
- Officer Nicola Walker District 2 SLMPD (15 min)
 - Contact information: Ncwalker@slmpd.org, 444-0107
 - Detective lines have not been restored yet
 - Shaw has been quiet
 - Car theft and items stolen from cars
 - Keep items out of sight, or remove from cars
 - Get car club from DMV or Five Start Center
 - Investigate license plate covers to protect plates from being stolen
 - Minimize time packages stay on porches
 - Light up exterior of house – front porch, back porch, bushes
 - Motion lights and cameras also help deter criminals
 - Kidnapping and Car Theft in November – still under investigation
 - Questions and Comments from membership
 - 2 People wanted for larceny – was in September – follow up for more information
 - Porch pirates... post videos if you see something
 - 4100 Flad had car break ins, police responded within 6 minutes
 - If it is happening call 911
 - If it is after the fact 314-231-1212
 - Is it better to lock doors or not?
 - Completely up to the individual
 - Are there any other precautions besides the club?
 - Unhook battery
 - Device to physically disable car
 - Is there a reason why bad drivers have temp tags
 - Mostly because they cannot afford to pay taxes when registering
 - If cars are pulled over with temp tags, the driver is ticketed and tags are removed

SNIA Updates (10 min)

- Approval of Minutes
 - Stephanie Herbers – motion to approve
 - Jared Gerstner - second
 - Approved unanimously
- President's Report
 - Second time as president, first was in 2020
 - Excited about things coming back to where they were pre-pandemic
 - Looking forward to potentially bring back programs we have had in the past (like Helping Hands)
 - Staying as block captain
 - Transition to Stephanie -be in great hands
 - Organization will be around for years to come due to the great people and community
- 2023 Election of SNIA Officers
 - President: Stephanie Herbers (not up for vote)
 - ○ 1st VP: Deeds Bonham
 - ○ 2nd VP: Jayne Jackson
 - ○ Secretary: Melissa Hill
 - ○ Asst Secretary: Jennifer Tussey
 - ○ Treasurer: no nominees
 - ○ Asst Treasurer: no nominees
 - Motion to approve slate as it stands: Carried unanimously
 - Swearing in of Board members
 - Token of appreciation for Brandon from Stephanie

Announcements (5 min)

- Financial Information
 - Garden District Commission has dissolved and distributed funds among member neighborhoods and botanical garden (received \$47,000 in Shaw)
 - Board approved \$2,500 donation to CVPA, may be increased in the New Year
- Gift Card balance \$75 being donated to new homeless center in The Ville
- Danielle Velasquez
 - 4100 block of Cleveland – running for alderwoman of the new 6th District

Motion to adjourn and seconded and unanimously passes.

With no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.