5/10/2023 Meeting Minutes-

Attendees:

Brent Holmes, Amanda Chasnoff, Andy Laesck, Heather Lannon, Angie Mouton

There were 15 residents.

Announcements:

We will no longer be using zoom to save money and encourage in person meeting attendance. We can evaluate this if there are concerns.

We will be signing in at meetings-so we can learn names and gather email addresses.

Potentially moving the day for meetings-moved to 3rd Wednesday of the month. We will see if that is helpful or if we need to switch it.

a. It coincides with Lafayette Square.
b. Some board members would like to attend their monthly meetings.
c. They have asked us to participate in a quarterly meeting of neighborhoods.

Adding to the agenda and when to send out the agenda.

a. Is Saturday ok to send out an agenda and ask for items to add?

Connections:

a. Does anyone have any connections with:
    i. Lasalle Park apartments?
    ii. Churches in LSP?
    iii. Businesses in LSP?
    iv. Director of streets or water department?

Subcommittee Ideas:

a. Leaders?
b. Board members? 2 per committee
c. Ideas?
    i. Social media-
    ii. Fundraising-
    iii. Beautification-Josh and Keith?

iv. Events-
v. Neighborhood safety
vi. Outreach-

Fundraising ideas:

a. Looking to do at least 3 “larger” events this year. Any ideas? These are a few we thought

i. Bingo
ii. Trivia
iii. 5K
iv. Golf Scramble
v. 50/50 Raffle
vi. Booze ring toss
vii. Cardinals tickets raffle (tickets gifted to LSP from Police Department)
viii. Silent Auction
ix. Neighborhood yard sale
x. T-shirts

Additional-we can be a fiscal sponsor-basically lend our nonprofit status

Colleen can write a grant-financial committee?

Art walk-Josh has some friends that would like to do this.

Free events for kids

Event ideas:

a. Please let us know your thoughts and ideas.

i. Halloween/Winter holidays decorating
ii. Jazz on the mall
iii. Block party
iv. Neighborhood night out

Purina has volunteer opportunities-a group of volunteers can come out and help us with various items

Brent has been collecting bikes-he will look into the program at Bworks in Soulard

The sign will go up to remind people of meetings

NIS Update – Qiana Baxton

Qiana's contact info:
baxtonq@stlouis-mo.gov / 314-657-1374

Please reach out to Qiana about issues or concerns you have about city services, for example refuse pickup, sidewalk repair. "Call for Service" is what allows her to respond. You can call her directly or call the police department.

There are currently a lot of programs and grants for the city that we should look into.

Tax sales are coming up.

The mall water leak continues to be an issue. No office will claim responsibility.

She is also on our Facebook group-you can contact her that way.

Sal Martinez / Employment Connection and member of the Board of Housing Authority

Sal's contact info:

martinezs@employmentstl.org / 314-333-5622

The Violence Prevention Center operating out of the Al Chappelle Community Center now has 3 staff members. Introduction of members: Gerrel, Samir, Mario and Lamont.

Very proud that there have been zero homicides and crime has been down.

13 individuals have been recruited and graduated from the GTW employment program. They are all working full time and working with career specialist.

May 25-26 there will be a new class-they provide transportation, childcare, lunch, and the cost is FREE!

There is a community event on May 20th 1-6 pm. There will be food, entertainment, education, and other resources available.

Samir has a flyer with his contact information.

Public Safety Update - Liaison Ofc Kevin Dilg

Kevin's contact info:

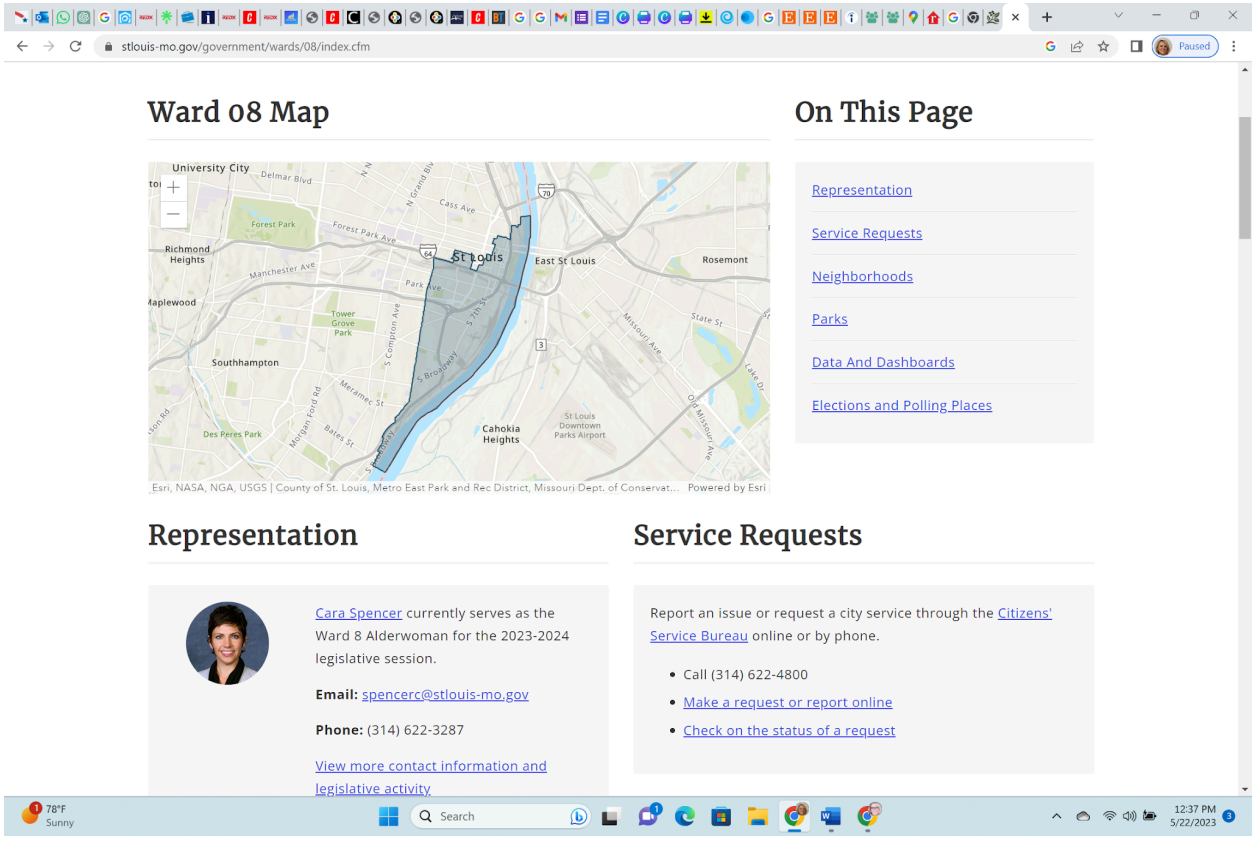
kddilg@slmpd.org / 314-444-2564

presented by Angie Mouton.

[Dilg's monthly crime report]

Alderperson Update

Cara Spencer-reach out to her directly. The ward has been changed.



She is also on committee-budget-there is money to spend

St. Louis Charter Commission needs members. We are the last unreformed city-we are trying to write a new charter. Applications are live. Please consider.

Neighborhood lawsuits-we can file a lawsuit against the owner of the house on the mall falling apart. We can claim real damages and we can get an example letter from her.

Tomorrow there is a webinar about transportation-please join to learn about walkways.

Tell Cara about streetlights that are out or damaged. Some neighborhoods tax themselves to take care of lights. OR-just send a list to Qiana.

Finances

$8188.68 in the bank

Brent will argue the discrepancy with Soulard/Mardi Gras