

SHAW NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

July 17, 2023

7:00 pm online via Zoom

Board Members in Attendance: 19

Approval of May Minutes | *Melissa Hill motioned to approve minutes, Brandon Robnett seconded. All were in favor.*

President's Report

Trash Pick Up Day | About 15 people came out on June 24 to pick up trash along Grand for one hour. We picked up 4,180 items of trash. Given interest in doing another one-hour trash pick-up, we are going to test out organizing monthly group pick-ups the last Saturday of each month. Proposed next date for trash pickup: July 29th

August Neighborhood Meeting – Roundtables | We are going to move forward with the idea for roundtables for the next neighborhood meeting. We are still working out details, but we will likely be looking for volunteers to help with notetaking or facilitating group convos.

See attached report for additional items.

Treasurer's Report | Shared our income and expenditures, all looking good for the year.

Cash Reserve Policy Update | Jenny, Melissa, and Stephanie are working on an operational cash reserve for one year without the art fair.

Dog Park 20th Anniversary | August marks the 20th year of the Dog Park. Committee is thinking about hosting a party to celebrate this year. Would host it near the Dog Park. Would like to order some snacks, potentially t-shirts or other festive items for the event. Would like to increase the budget allocated for Dog Park to have some funds to recognize the anniversary this year.

Stephanie Herbers made a motion to increase the Dog Park budget to \$1500. After discussion, accepted an amendment to increase it to \$1775, Melissa Hill seconded. All were in favor.

Short Term Rental Board Bill | Stephanie Herbers submitted a letter on behalf of SNIA commenting on BB33 based on feedback received from members. The letter advocated for policies to be put in place to regulate short-term rentals. There is still time for people to submit comments on the bill. For any emergency concerns with short-term rentals, please call 911, but to lodge nuisance complaints (e.g., parking or occupancy issues), contact CSB at 314-622-4800 or [Citizens' Service Bureau \(stlouis-mo.gov\)](https://citizens.servicebureau.com/stlouis-mo).

Support/Response Requests | We have received several requests asking for response and/or support.

Preservation Board Appeal - Water Tower Place Barrier Arm | Water Tower Place Condos has requested a letter of support for installing a barrier arm to their parking lot. They have had issues with people who are not residents using their lot. Cultural Resource Office indicated it would need to go to the Preservation Board for approval. Stephanie Herbers reviewed the request and historic standards. Given the safety concerns of the condo residents and the barrier arm would be added to an existing, non-contributing, parking lot and would not block pedestrian access to the sidewalk, Stephanie will be writing a letter of support.

Roosevelt HS Football Sponsorship | Requested financial support of breakfasts for football team and promotion of their fundraising event. Discussed during meeting; board members were in support of promoting the fundraising event, but not contributing financially at this time.

Response to BB60 on Liquor Licenses | Downtown Neighborhood Association reached out asking if SNIA was planning to respond to BB60 regarding changes to the liquor license process. They have concerns that the community input process is being reduced. Discussed that we need to review and consider our involvement in this bill and response. Stephanie encouraged members to read the bill.

Building Committee Formation | Stephanie Herbers would like to start a building committee this year. Objectives would be to work with Tower Grove CDC to track vacant properties and work with them, Alderwoman Velazquez, and others to gather public input and seek developers when there are opportunities to redevelop; work with SNIA president, Tower Grove CDC, Alderwoman, and CRO to update our historic standards; and serve as a resource for navigating historic guidelines, seeking support letters, etc. Stephanie will work on a description and send out to members to see who would be interested.

Announcements

South Grand Video Promo | If you'd like to participate in a promotional video for South Grand, there will be video interviews in early August.

Neighborhood Leadership Academy | UMSL program that introduces members to community involvement to promote neighborhood leadership, SNIA is offering to sponsor 1-2 members. One person has expressed interest so far.

Other Announcements | Gary Hosna mentioned there is an upcoming sentencing for burglar who was prevalent in Shaw. Not asking for victim impact statements because none of these crimes he is being charged with actually occurred in Shaw. If you'd like more info, contact Gary at gary@hosna.com.

With no further business to discuss, Geegee Higgins motioned to adjourn the meeting, Jesse White seconded; all were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm.