

Neighborhood Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 18th, 2019

Submitted by: John Simons

Call to order - 7:05 pm

Attendance - **30** - Roll Call

- President - Scott McIntosh - **Present**
- Vice President (Interim) - Alison Hillman - Absent
- Secretary - John Simons - **Present**
- Treasurer - Linda Hennigh - **Present**
- Member At-Large - Ashtyn Baldas - **Present**
- Member At-Large - Tim Thomas - **Present**
- Beautification - Stephanie McKinney - **Present**
- Block Link - Chris Schmidt - Absent
- Communications - Scott McIntosh
- Community Garden - Linda Hennigh
- Our Neighborhood Garden - Scott McIntosh
- Dog Park - Jeni Poole - Absent
- Facilities - Bill Byrd - Absent
- Fundraising - **Vacant**
- Housing Committee - Scott McIntosh
- SLACO Committee - Linda Hennigh
- Membership – **Vacant**
- Quality of Life and Safety - **Vacant**
- Youth Outreach - Darren Young - Absent
- Cherokee Street Liaison - **Vacant**

Agenda

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Notes

1. Approve meeting minutes
 - a. Tim Thomas Moves
 - b. Linda Hennigh Seconds
 - c. Motion Passes
2. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Rory Motions Moves
 - b. Ashtyn Baldas Seconds

- c. Motion Passes
- 3. New Member and Visitor Introductions
 - a. Renewals
 - i. Sarah Johnson, Tim Thoms
 - b. Visitors
 - i. Elizabeth, Walker (Wyoming), Shaheera Bhutto - Cherokee Street CID Administrator, Douglas Petty - fly314
- 4. Airport Privatization
 - a. Douglas Petty representing fly314
 - i. Recommends that everyone visit www.fly314.com for more information.
 - ii. P3 Public Private Partnership created in '96 and renewed in '12
 - iii. Airport is not being sold, Saint Louis will continue to own it.
 - iv. Any decisions would need to be approved by FAA, city, private organization
 - v. St Louis airport has unique status of not being landlocked while in city
 - vi. Currently there is a request for qualification (RFQ) for any candidates, this would progress to a request for proposal (RFP) with reasonable qualifications
 - vii. Current airport debt is ~\$594 Million
 - viii. City profit cap is \$6 Million
 - 1. No indication of a revenue cap or if the if there city would be able to make higher profits from privatizing operations
 - ix. Barb Potts asked if this would be related to the experience in Nashville.
 - 1. Nashville is an unrelated town and speaker said that it would not be reasonable to correlate outcomes
 - x. Conversation became gridlocked questions and evasion.
 - b. Dan Guenther
 - i.
- 5. Recruiting for Open Positions
 - a. Membership
 - i. Linda Hennigh and Pam Welsh filled in for membership this evening.
Thank you!
 - b. Fundraising
- 6. Easter Eggstravaganza
 - a. April 20th 10 am- 2 pm
 - b. Gravois Park
 - c. Looking for volunteers to assist with planning and day of activities
 - i. Call Darren Young at 661-289-1404 or email at darren.younglife@gmail.com
- 7. Cherokee Dog Park Egg Hunt
 - a. Saturday April 20th
 - b. \$5 Admission

- c. Refreshments for people and treats for dogs.
 - d. Event is also an open house.
 - e. Cherokee dog park shirts will be up for sale too. Designed by style house.
8. Litter Pick up
- a. Saturday 9 am meeting at garden on Jefferson and Arsenal
9. Give Day St Louis
- a. Event is May 1st
 - b. Online donations
 - c. <https://www.givestlday.org/bentonparkwest>
10. Back-to-School Event 2019
- a. Partnered in 2018 with Last Days Apostolic church
 - b. Volunteers needed for planning committee
11. Dan Guenther - 9th Ward Alderperson
- a. Prop NS passed
 - b. Port authority failed
 - i. Port authority would consist of a group of unelected commissioners appointed by mayor
 - c. Started green caucus with Heather Navarro
 - d. Extra 50 trees that could be used to street trees
 - e. Airport Rebuttal
 - i. Fly314 is funded by group that paid for the original promo
 - ii. Also check www.StLnotforsale.com
 - iii. April 16th Darlene Green was irate that bond buyback was blocked
 - iv. flights growth and development has been increasing over the past few years
 - v. Please do additional independent research
 - f. For LED street lights for your block contact Dan Guenther
 - g. Paving funding and process is beginning: if you have locations in mind let Dan Guenther know
 - h. Food Truck Friday starts April 28th;

Officer Gagik (Jack Khoudian) - Police Liaison

- i. March 12 crimes summary
- j. Stopping theft
 - i. If you have anything of value, record the serial numbers
 - ii. Police can track the serial numbers through pawn shops and return stolen materials.
 - iii. Don't leave valuable property in your car
- k. Please address personal issues in parking lot this minimizes disruption and gossip
- l. For information please check the following websites
 - i. Crime Statistics - https://www.slmpr.org/crime_stats.shtml
 - ii. Crime Map - https://www.slmpr.org/crime_mapping.shtml

- iii. Calls for Service - <http://www.slmpd.org/cfs.shtml>
- iv. St Louis Citizen Service Bureau (CSB) - <https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/public-safety/neighborhood-stabilization-office/citizens-service-bureau/>
- v. Missouri Department of Transportation - <https://www.modot.org/stlouis>

12. Barb Potts - Neighborhood Stabilization Officer (NSO)

- a. Penny Saver
 - i. will be able to apply for license after October
 - ii. Currently boarded up because the owners attempted to open without conditional use permit and licensure
 - iii. They do not currently have occupancy permit.
 - iv. If you see any activity around building please call

13. Shaheera Bhutto - Cherokee Street Community Improvement District (CID) Administrator

- a. Cherokee Street CID Administrator - Shaheera Bhutto:
- b. Events
 - i. Cinco Di Mayo celebration 5/4
 - 1. Expecting large turnout
 - 2. Attempting to turn event waste free
 - 3. People's Joy parade at 1:11 PM
 - 4. 4/30 Volunteer coordination
 - 5. Considering branching up side streets to reduce congestion;
 - ii. IndiHop 6/1
- c. Starting a trash walk committee planning May 9th

14. Attendance Prizes

- a. Any people or businesses willing to donate attendance prize donations would be appreciated
- b. Watering Can - Sarah Johnson
- c. Lavender Kit - Ashtyn Baldas
- d. Gard Tools - Becky
- e. Wine - Rory

15. 50/50 - Tim Thomas

- a. \$50 Total
- b. Winner of \$25 - Guest from North Carolina

16. Meeting Adjourned - 8:07 PM

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- b. Ashtyn Baldas Seconds
- c. Motion Passes