**WEST PINE / LACLEDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC**

**Meeting: 4.8.14**

President Harold Karabell opened the meeting at 7pm at Northwest Coffee. Introductions of all present were made. The

Minlutes from the March meeting were accepted; and Treasurer Terry Werner reported $190l.15 was in the checking account with $8475 in savings. Also, the Brightside organization sent our Associaltion a thank you letter for our recent donation of $100.

ELECTIONS

The current officers were unanimously re-elected. This was after a plea for new faces to step forward to replace any or

alll of them. So by a unanimous vote the officers are:

 Harold Karabell President

 Dug Feltch Vice President

 Tom Fox Secretary

 Terry Werner Treasurer

The term for these officers is two years.

BEAUTIFICATION:

As is the custom of the Association, every Spring brings the Brightside Cleanup. When to hold (which Saturday) was

discussed. Karen Goodman suggested that her website could send a questionnaire with the options. This would advertise as well as offer choices to the members. This plan was adopted.

Volunteers for cleaning/ planting in the street planters are needed. Contact Diana Gualdoni to volunteer.

As for the Community Garden (Laclede at Boyle), all the plots have been chosen, and early veggies are already up.

DEVELOPMENT

1. The building next to NW Coffee is under renovation and one corner of its structure has crumbled. It has led

to speculation of the cause . In any case there is concern because it is adjacent to a seating area of NW Coffee.

Ron Coleman, our liason with the city will pursue the issue.

1. New construction continues at the WholeFoods site as well as in the Cortex area.
2. Park Central has a staff of four now and is seeking volunteers for several committees.
3. The project at the former car wash site on Vandeventer is underway and has no city incentives. It will be an apartment project.
4. Alderman Joe Roddy explained some features of the Form Base Plan which applies to new construction in the area.
5. Brief discussion of the plan to run a streetcar from downtown to the medical center—and to tax adjacent neighbors

along its route—met with strong vocal opposition. Most thought the plan had little chance of being realized.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A new organization is beginning. In an effort to support those over 55 to stay in their homes and to provide an

alternative to senior centers and nursing homes, STL Village will launch their organization on Saturday, April 14

at the History Museum at 10 a.m. The meeting will explain the purpose of STL Village and answer all questions.

This will be one of the over 100 “Villages” which have started in the past 10 years. Gloria Gordon is the founding

mover locally; the first Village was in the Beacon neighborhood of Boston.

The Spot will be involved with UMSL in a photography project in the coming months. It will involve small groups of

teens who will be in the neighborhood, walking and photographing.

Submitted,

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