**WEST PINE / LACLEDE ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of Meeting: 5.13.14**

President Harold Karabell opened the meeting at 7 pm at NW Coffee. The minutes from 4.8.14 were approved, and Treasurer Terry Werner reported $1956.15 was in the checking account, and $8475.22 is in the savings (.20 % interest rate).

1. **Beautification Committee.** Chair Laura Cohen thanked the many who volunteered to weed and clean up the street planters. Jeff Minor also thanked for his ongoing care for the planter on Laclede at Sarah. Dug Felch thanked the few who turned out for the alley cleanup on the Brightside effort. Next year, it was suggested by Diana Gualdoni, to publicize the Brightside

Day as an occasion to meet neighbors and to make it a social occasion for the neighborhood.

In any case, Laura also asked for volunteers to maintain the planters during the coming months.

In addition, she asked for $500 for planting and replacing plants which did not survive the

winter, and also to mulch the planters and the West Pine cul de sac. This was approved by

unanimous vote. If there are any probles with getting water for the planters, contact Ron Coleman,

who is our liason with the City.

In another project, Erv Janko of the Manhattan Mews complex explained that the pergola which was built two years ago from scraps and used lumber for the Garden at Boyle is now in poor shape.

The overhang structure is unable to support the grape vines and wisteria which are climbing on it.

He requested that the the Association cover half the costs, estimated to be approximatedly $1200, and that he thinks Mews folks will contribute the remaining half. After discussing the project and formulating a motion, it was suggested that the total amount should be covered by the Association

since it has a sizeable treasury and roughly $10K was donated to the West Pine Association when

the Laclede Block Association (4300 block) merged with West Pine Assoc ten or more years back. This motion with its modification was unanimously approved.

Brooks Goedeker of Park Central updated the members on several things:

1. Trees ---$28K ($145 per tree) has been planted recently.
2. Dumpsters—many have been replaced---$27K
3. Sidewalks have been replaced (the 50/50 plan of the City)--$60K
4. Lighting for the 4100/4200 block will be improved (at last); $300 K
5. Resurfacing streets: Sarah b/n Lacledce and Lindell---$25 K; two alleys--$30 K
6. **Development.** Brooks updated several current projects:
	1. The Bank at Sarah / Lindell has met financing hurdles and the project may not be realized.
	2. The Optimist Building on Lindell may be replaced by a 14 story high rise (no tax abatement), though a few object in order to preserve “an architectural gem.”
	3. The former car wash/Amoco station will be replaced by a student housing project

(no tax abagtement).

Joe Roddy fielded a few questions about Ikea (groundbreaking is June 20). Also, the infra structture for Ikea is costing $150 K. Cambridge Innovation Center is coming to Cortex. The Metro stop planned at Boyle has a proposal for state funding.

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