

**West Pine Laclede Neighborhood Association**  
**Northwest Coffee 7 PM**  
**May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**General Assembly Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER 7:09**

**President; Harold Karabell**  
[karabell52@gmail.com](mailto:karabell52@gmail.com)

**Review and approve March 2024 Minutes-** The April minutes were posted online and sent out with the monthly newsletter. Harold makes a motion to approve minutes, 2nd by a local resident. All in favor; motion passes unanimously.

**Vice President;** Dug Felch  
[bkmarionnettes@charter.net](mailto:bkmarionnettes@charter.net)

**Treasurer;** Terry Werner  
[terryfwner@gmail.com](mailto:terryfwner@gmail.com)

**Secretary;** Nicole Ewing  
[postonni@gmail.com](mailto:postonni@gmail.com)

**GUEST SPAEAKERS**

**Craft Alliance**

**Bryan Knicely & Marschnee Strong**

- Located in the Delmar District, offering opportunity for individuals to express themselves creatively and offer various classes and summer camps and family programing! They offer Free Family Saturdays, various make and take opportunities, and other youth programs. They work to make connections with local schools and offer various Art Smart programs. They offer Craft In the Future, a program for local high school students to learn from local artists and other creatives and are currently learning to create their own portfolios. Craft Alliance offers some scholarships and other higher educational funds for local students. They invite locals to come and learn about the programs they offer and get creative! They are located at 5080 Delmar Blvd.

**Candidate running for Sheriff in St. Louis**

**Alfred Montgomery**

- He is working to retain deputies in the St. Louis area. He wants to overhaul the St. Lous City Jail by updating the facility, increasing technology usage, and wants to provide a more effective and productive sheriffs dept by [ensuring deputies have adequate training](#). He wants to increase collaboration between other law enforcement agencies, community outreach organizations in our city, and increase rehabilitation programs with attention to abandoned buildings and the unhoused in our city. His website can be found at [Montgomery4sheriff.com](http://Montgomery4sheriff.com). Mr. Montgomery is

hosting a fundraiser on May 18<sup>th</sup> from 12-3, and more information can be found on his website. He encourages citizens to get out and vote at this primary election!

## 9<sup>th</sup> WARD ALDERMAN REPORT

**Michael Browning**

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- Comments on speed bump installation and is proposing asking the city for other suggestions to calm traffic but informs the organization of various speed humps, speed bumps, tables and cushions that can be used to create to slow traffic and may serve different purposes based on location. Alderman suggests a traffic calming survey to determine the best type of traffic calming to slow traffic but also allow emergency vehicles to effectively get to their destinations.

## NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION UPDATES

**Treasurer**

**Terry Werner**

### Update on financials:

Checking \$3774.28

Savings \$2074.91

Time Deposit \$4,491.95

\*Almost 50 paid members!

\*\*If you are a neighbor interested in contributing to the neighborhood organization please check with Terry to make sure you are up to date on your yearly dues.

## NEW AND ON-GOING BUSINESS

- Speed bumps- 4300 of Laclede alley
  - Neighbor suggests speed bumps on Laclede as well as the alley and has over 20 signatures of locals approving the proposition. Some neighbors suggest other traffic calming devices such as islands, street narrowing, angled parking, etc. Suggestions made to take in account staff at the school on Laclede as well. Ron Coleman supports various traffic calming measures, but also explains that various speed humps and bumps are costly and require constant maintenance. Ron suggests the association inquire with the city about the most appropriate traffic calming for the street or alley proposed.
- Board Bill 7 is a proposal of a half-cent sales tax increase to fund early childhood education programs. A neighbor asks if this is for public schools or if this bill is for charter and/or private schools. Alderman Browning informs the general assembly that this bill is ONLY for private and charter schools. Alderman is not currently in favor of this bill because it doesn't benefit public schools and decreases enrollment in local public schools. As an elected official for the city, he does not support this board bill due to his duty to the city as a local official to support city schools.
- Property maintenance- a neighbor raises concerns about maintaining local properties and complains about a neighbor whose grass is overly grown, those who dump overly large green waste in dumpsters, and items and other trash left outside of dumpsters in the alley behind West Pine.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Beautification Committee Chair

Lorraine Simpson

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Updates the organization that the food pantry at the community garden at Boyle and Laclede has been taken out due to vandalism. She also offers support to local neighbors with property maintenance concerns and commends Craft Alliance (guest speaker) for their work in our area and suggests neighbors take advantage of their various programs.

### Development Committee Chair

Dan Hellmuth

[dhellmuth@hellmuth-bicknese.com](mailto:dhellmuth@hellmuth-bicknese.com)

Not in attendance

### Security Liason

Open position

- Alvin Ferguson 314-904-6979 can be reached for concerns with unhoused or other local disturbances and concerns.

### Neighborhood Improvement Specialist

Ron Coleman

- Makes suggestions for the organization to reach out to the city inquiring about local traffic calming measures.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.

### Block Captains:

4100-4200 Laclede: Dug Feltch (314) 531-3313

4300 Laclede : Scott Gilbert (314) 406-3536

4100-4200 West Pine: **open position**

4300 West Pine: David Maltby (816) 516-9818

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* Volunteers interested in helping clean up alley ways or supporting neighbors who aren't physically able to maintain their properties can reach out to Lorraine Simpson

\* Various neighbors are collecting signatures to propose neighborhood traffic calming measures throughout our area. Inquire with Nicole or Harold on how to reach neighbors collecting signatures if interested.

\* Please reach out to our Treasurer, Terry Werner, at 314-276-9452 if you are unsure if you are paid up for your yearly dues

**Next General Meeting:** June 11th @7pm @Northwest Coffee

Meeting adjourned at 8:13