

West Pine Laclede Neighborhood Association
Northwest Coffee 7 PM
July 9th, 2024
General Assembly Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER 7:04

President; Harold Karabell
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Review and approve June 2024 Minutes- The June minutes were posted online and sent out with the monthly announcements.

Vice President; Dug Felch
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Treasurer; Terry Werner
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Secretary; Nicole Ewing
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GUEST SPEAKERS

Executive Director

Jim Whyte

Central West End Neighborhood Security Initiative (NSI)

<https://www.cwensi.com/aboutourteam>

- Passed out two handouts (2023 Annual Report for the Central West End, and a paper handout of neighborhood concerns and questions)
- There was a carjacking at the BP on Newstead and Laclede. The suspect took the car by force (without displaying a firearm) while the car was left unoccupied and running idle at the gas station. The suspect had reportedly been watching the gas station for the opportunity to strike. Neighbors are encouraged to turn off your cars while not in use and to leave doors locked.
- There has been a theft of a significant number of plants from both the cul-de-sac at West Pine & Sarah and the 4300 block of Laclede as well as an increase of packages stolen from porches/mailbox areas. If you can take a picture of anyone picture of anyone stealing plants or any other items, it may help police to identify those

reoccurring culprits. Jim also suggests buying some low-cost cameras to keep observation on your property and surrounding area. Jim recommends Wyse brand cameras that are low cost and can be easily installed.

- Dumpster Divers and trash left behind- the couple that has been going through the dumpsters in the alleys. The neighborhood outreach team has reached out to the couple and offered them services and give them supports, but they have to this point, refused help.
- Increase of unhoused in the neighborhood- Jim's team has reached out various unhoused in the neighborhood and encourages neighbors to initiate conversations with unhoused in the neighborhood if you feel safe doing so, and to inform them of various neighborhood outreach programs to offer supports as needed. If you can take a picture of anyone you see unhoused in the neighborhood, a picture may help to identify those that need help. You can also call 211 for assistance.
- If you see graffiti, you may try to remove it with dish detergent. Contact Lorraine Simpson for more information. Brightside St. Louis may also be contacted and may be able to provide support in removal.
- Working to expand the number of cameras installed throughout our neighborhood though the NSI program. Provides information to the police though their real-time camera network.

Missouri House of Representatives

Kimberly-Ann Collins

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<https://stlrgusnews.com/greetings-from-the-office-of-the-77th-district/>

- Works in the Missouri House of Representatives running unopposed on this year's ballot.
- Works with a community center who recently held a local townhall style meeting, of which residents could attend to voice opinions on how the city should spend the 25 million dollars given through HUD funding. Top issues mentioned were mental health services, and recovery support services. Is passionate about recovery support systems and currently has access to over 60 providers for those who need support to stay on a path to recovery from substance abuse. Reports that only 7.49% of our states total budget goes to these service areas.
- Life Recovery Community Center located at 4145 Kennerly Ave offers many programs and services providing shelter for unhoused, substance abuse programs, and mental health services. One of the directors of the community center is the chair of the Missouri Coalition of Recovery Support Providers and can help provide additional supports to those visiting the center. Encourages those needing support or services to visit the community center, as it is open to the public daily from 9-5.
- Please visit the Missouri Coalition of Recovery Support Providers website at <https://mcrsp.org> to help vote for how Missouri's support and social services funds are spent.
- Encourages everyone to attend Recovery Fest at Forest Park on Sept 14th.

- Reiterates residents to contact Brightside for graffiti removal program.

9th Ward Committeeman Candidate

Andrew Caldwell

<https://www.facebook.com/executiveandrew.caldwell>

- 1st run at committeeman for the 9th Ward. Wants to help the neighborhood by getting 495 new voters registered. His goal is to work with the 9th Ward Alderman and Jim Whyte and build relationships to support neighbors and reduce crime in the central west end.
- Wants to work with everyone who lives in the 9th ward and reach out and encourage young new eligible voters to get registered and get out and vote. Wants to help young and old voters to be informed about candidates on the ballot, and new and upcoming ballot measures.
- Is also passionate about keeping neighbors updated on upcoming neighborhood meetings, help elderly in the neighborhood, and is working to help get local politicians to local and neighborhood meetings.

9th Ward Committeeman Candidate

Parker Loveless

- Currently holds the 28th ward Committeeman position. His position helps gets citizens registered to vote on election days and supports helping get citizens to show up at the polls. He works to help support voters understand
- New 9th Ward Democratic Club 3rd Thurs of next month, next mtg July on 18th 7:30 at UCBC.

9th WARD ALDERMAN REPORT

Michael Browning

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- Commissioned a traffic study for Lindell Blvd between Vandeventer and Kingshighway. This portion of the road is in rough condition and would be very expensive to repave but wants to have a plan in place to mitigate traffic calming issues before paying to repave. In the past this area has been divided into multiple different wards, and therefore challenging to process funding to repair. With the re-districting of St. Louis City wards, this area is now located in its entirety, in the 9th ward.
 - Wants to begin developing a plan using Lindell to combine the two sides of the Central West End and make this area easier and safer to walk, bike, ride, etc. Updates on this development are anticipated in the Fall of 2024 with allocation of the American Rescue Plan funds to restore major city corridors including Lindell, Kingshighway, Grand, Jefferson, and Union. Alderman is expecting major and transformational changes coming to these areas.
- Updates on development at the corner of Sarah and Lindell:

- Discussions with the developer have been off and on for some time. This area includes the three parcels of land owned by Places for people, the ABNA building, and a residential building. All 3 entities need a fair price for their land and have been stuck in on-going negotiations. Alderman Browning is putting together a re-development package that includes all 3 parcels of land in one package, allowing ABNA Engineering a fair price and includes affordable housing in the re-development. Working on completing this package in the next couple of months.
- City wide update:
 - The Charter Commission has completed their work and made recommendations to the Board of Alderman. These recommendations include a total of 5 proposals that include: an Office of the Public Advocate, giving the Board of Alderman the power to increase or decrease the budget, creating a Department of Transportation that encompasses all areas of transportation under one roof, create election reform by moving all election dates to the August/November cycle every odd year instead of having an additional election in the Spring, and lastly, updating the St. Louis City Charter with use or appropriate pronouns, advertisement requirements, salary standards, and informing various city departments of their functions.
 - Last revision of the Charter was in 1949, and last fully revised in 1914 and therefore is in need of updated language. These changes will be on ballots in November.
- We have a primary election this August for Committeeman & Committeewoman and Alderman Browning announces his endorsement of Parker Loveless.

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION UPDATES

Treasurer

Terry Werner

- Not in attendance but sent in an update on financials

Update on financials:

Checking \$2,458.66

Savings \$2,075.94

Time Deposit \$4,498.09

**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

- Nothing new to report in addition to what is noted above

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification Committee Chair

Lorraine Simpson

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- Not in attendance and nothing new to report

Development Committee Chair

Dan Hellmuth

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Not in attendance

Security Liaison

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

- Not in attendance because of vacation.

*Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

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

* Requested links to city and state offices and officials' websites listed below:

- Alderman Browning: <https://www.browningstl.com>

- Missouri State Representative Kimberly-Ann Collins: <https://house.mo.gov>
<https://house.mo.gov/MemberDetails.aspx?year=2024&code=R&district=077>

You can find and sign up for her news letter here: <https://stlargo.usnews.com/greetings-from-the-office-of-the-77th-district/>

- Neighborhood Security Initiative, Jim Whyte: <https://www.cwensi.com/aboutourteam>

* Please reach out to our Treasurer, Terry Werner, at 314-276-9452 if you were unsure if you were paid up-to-date with your yearly dues.

Next General Meeting: August 13th @7pm @Northwest Coffee

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.