

West Pine Laclede Neighborhood Association
Northwest Coffee 7 PM
August 13, 2024
General Assembly Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER 7:06

President; Harold Karabell
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Review and approve July 2024 Minutes- The July minutes were posted online and sent out with the monthly announcements. Terry made a motion to accept and approve July's minutes, motion seconded. All in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

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

9th WARD ALDERMAN REPORT

Michael Browning
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- No new updates on development. Is still aggressively working with the SLDC on the Lindell project.
- The board of alderman passed out 4 proposals for our City Charter. The proposed amendments are as follows: giving alderman budget power, taking away the limit on fines and fees in the city (on condemned and dilapidated buildings etc), modernization and updates to la the language in the Charter, and transitioning the Streets Department to the Department of Transportation. All these amendments will be on the next ballot and will need 60% approval to pass. Look out for those ballot measures at the next election.

- If you have concerns about derelict cars in the neighborhood, items blocking right of way traffic, dumpster divers, or other neighborhood concerns, call the citizens service bureau and make a report. See updates from the neighborhood beautification chair for the appropriate number to call. If the problem were not resolved in a timely manner, neighbors should contact our Neighborhood Improvement Specialist Ron Coleman at 314-657-1361 or e-mail Ron at colemanron@stlouis-mo.gov

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION UPDATES

Treasurer

Terry Werner

- We have 56 paid members to date, which is our highest number of members in decades!!

Update on financials:

Checking \$2,458.66

Savings \$2,855.94

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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- Still having issues with dumpster divers in the neighborhood, going through the dumpsters and leaving piles of trash in alleys.
- Dumpster divers have been seen going through documents in the dumpsters and may be collecting and selling names, addresses, personal information, etc. Neighbors are advised to shred or keep personal documents out of the trash dumpsters.
- If you see dumpster divers in the act, you are encouraged to call the number listed below and take a picture of them if you can do so from a safe distance.
- We may be able to press charges against these individuals if we can get photos and consistent calls.
- A neighbor, Harold Bailey is selling tickets to benefit his non-profit bicycle gifting program, the Bailey Youth Enrichment Foundation Reach out to Lorraine for more information.

- Call the Citizens Service Bureau at 314-622-4800 for dumpster diving in progress. Get a report number and communicate that number to the Neighborhood Stabilization officer, Jim Whyte. For other non-emergency needs, call 314-231-1212.

Development Committee Chair

Dan Hellmuth

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- Not in attendance, and nothing new to report

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

- Update on our city’s recycling program; a “clean recycling” program is in the works. Currently, our dumpster recycling is overly contaminated and is costing the city \$180 per ton to send recycling to a facility (trash is only \$45 per ton).
- The city is collecting information now on placing some “clean recycling” centers throughout the city, and having neighbors put their recycling in individual recycle bins that can be emptied and taken to a clean recycling center. A suggestion was made to place our neighborhood’s own “clean recycling” center on the vacant lot directly across from the post office on Laclede, just east of Sarah.

*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

- Terry has the last of the year’s honey available to sale!
- The Festival of Nations in Tower Grove Park on Aug 25th 4pm.

- Trivia Night for the St. Louis Friends of Bethlehem is on Friday, September 27th at Woodsmill Village Apartments Clubhouse in Ballwin.
- Ice Cream Social for the 9th Ward Democratic Convention at Chouteau Park
- Look above under Beautification Chair updates for phone numbers to call if you see dumpster diving or have other concerns.

Next General Meeting: September 10th @7pm @Northwest Coffee

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.