

West Pine Laclede Neighborhood Association
Northwest Coffee 7 PM
July 8th, 2025
General Assembly Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER 7:04 pm

President; Harold Karabell
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Vice President: Dug Feltch
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Treasurer: Terry Werner
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Secretary: Nicole Ewing
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GUEST SPEAKER(S)

***No guest speakers were present at this month's meeting.**

Review and approve June 2025 Minutes- The June minutes were posted online and sent out with the monthly announcement. Harold asked for a motion to accept the minutes. A neighbor made a motion to accept minutes, seconded by new attendee, neighbor. All in favor, motion passes.

9th WARD ALDERMAN REPORT

Michael Browning
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- Alley recycling that was previously picked up separately from trash and green waste, is still not being picked up and may not return.
- Currently, 60% of recycling collected is not able to be recycled due to contamination with other non-recyclable materials

- Many items get put in recycling dumpsters that aren't recyclable.
- The proposal from the mayor's office is to move away from alley recycling and putting in place self-serve recycling units.
- There is a homeless individual living near the old Quarrelsome Coffee in the neighborhood that has engaged in harassment with several neighbors.
 - Alderman Browing encourages everyone not to interact with them, and to call 911 if they attempt to approach you
 - Jim Whyte has been contacted as well as Alvin Ferguson
 - Alvin Ferguson is attempting to reach out to this individual to offer mental health services to them

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION UPDATES

Treasurer

Terry Werner

Update on financials:

Checking: \$3275.28

Savings: \$1359.02

Time Deposit (business CD): \$4,522.85

*Annual dues are past due. If you haven't yet paid your yearly dues, please do so by contacting Terry Werner. You may pay by check, online, or via Venmo @WPLNA. **If you pay via Venmo, please list your address and name in your payment.**

**Checking account currently has a slightly higher balance due to many dues currently or recently coming in. Some spring/summer planting expenses have been paid as well.

NEW AND ON-GOING BUSINESS

- If you're interested in writing a small grant, MSD will fund up to \$3,000 to plant a small rain garden in your yard to help with run off and flooding
 - Grant applications and instructions can be found here:
<https://msdprojectclear.org/what-we-do/rainscaping/small-grants/>
- You can request a new tree to be planted, or if you are interested in moving a tree you can contact the CSB

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification Committee Chair

Lorraine Simpson

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- Carl and Ally, neighbors in our association who own Schmittel's Nursery maintain the cul-de-sac at the end of West Pine
 - The cul-de-sac has recently been re-mulched
 - That area has been experiencing some flooding with rain, but this has been reported to the CSB but will reach out to MSD.
- Lorraine is asking for volunteers to go door-to-door in the 4100/4200 block of West Pine to obtain signatures from those residents who would approve of speed humps being installed.
 - Many residents feel this traffic calming measure is necessary due to the high speed of traffic down West Pine, especially with many young children and elderly residents present

Development Committee Chair

Dan Hellmuth

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- nothing new to report

Neighborhood Improvement Specialist

Ron Coleman

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- Proposal to add some plants and landscaping at Laclede and Newstead

Security Liaison

Open position

Block Captains:

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

4300 Laclede: Scott Gilbert (314) 406-3536

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next General Meeting: August 12th, 2025 @7pm @Northwest Coffee. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.