Northwest Coffee 7 PM

November 10th, 2026

General Assembly Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: 7:08 PM

President; Harold Karabell

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Vice President: Dug Feltch (NOT IN ATTENDANCE and no report)

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Treasurer; Terry Werner

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Secretary: Nicole Ewing

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GUEST SPEAKERS

Gill Thomas; Project Manager Great Rivers Greenway
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Scott Ogilvie; Planning Executive City Planning Department

Scott and Gill discussed the Brickline Greenway expansion starting from the Cortex complex into Forest Park. They plan on increasing the walkway at the intersection at Boyle and Clayton Ave to reduce traffic incidents in that busy intersection with pedestrian and bike traffic.

The plans also include bringing the green line off Boyle to cross Clayton Ave on the south side of Clayton and moving the current 4 ft sidewalk to 8-12 ft sidewalks.

The Brickline Greenway will then cross over Tower Grove to the south side of Clayton Ave to the intersection at Shriners with slight changes to Clayton Ave creating a wider path without disruption to the Shriners statue at the corner.

Yusef posed the question of the Brickline Greenway moving to the north side of Clayton vs south side of Clayton for pedestrian safety on the east side of Taylor. He also proposed creating a crossing at this corner that didn't create vehicular traffic making a left turn where pedestrians will be crossing.

Scott and Gill did mention that a pedestrian refuge island will be in place to provide a space for pedestrian traffic to land and create space for potential large groups of pedestrians to stand while waiting to cross at Clayton and Taylor

The project along Clayton Ave will include access gates for trucks to use in order to avoid blocking parking lots and driveways.

The project continues by crossing Euclid on south side into Forest Park Plaza where there will be a larger entrance into a plaza complete with native plants, larger signage, and a gathering area. From the plaza, there will be a pedestrian bridge over Highway 40, grading the steep hill that is currently there into more green space with native additional native planting.

The project ends with a pedestrian walkway under Kingshighway with the potential for a lighted mural along the walkway into the park with signage indicating that the Greenway ends getting into Forest Park proper, that will lead to a variety of park trails into and around Forest Park.

Additionally, the project will move from the south side of Clayton and Taylor, tapering down in width as the Brickline Greenway crosses Taylor to connect to Vandeventer Ave with ADA access to the entrance at Central Institute for the Deaf.

Ultimately, the entire project of the Brickline Greenway plans to connect the Christy Greenway and River Des Peres Greenway, completing the connection from Forest Park to the Gateway Arch

Current plans are for this portion of the Brickline Greenway to move down Sarah across Manchester and up to Highway 40 in Phase 2.

Another neighbor asked about estimated completion time.

Scott and Gill communicate that they are currently wrapping up the design of this portion of the project in 2027 with construction to start in 2028/29 with an estimated opening in 2030.

Reese asked what the proposed cost is for this section of the project.

Scott and Gill did not have an exact answer but mentioned that costs are estimated to be around 25 million to complete with construction to be funded by a combination of federal dollars; local tax revenue; and the GRG Foundation itself.

***Please see the attached flyer and QR code that will take you directly to the Cortex-Forest Park addition to the Brickline Greenway, that includes a drone flythrough of the project. Below is also a link to the Great Rivers Greenway website.**

https://greatriversgreenway.org/brickline/

NEW AND ON-GOING BUSINESS

Review and approve October 2026 Minutes-

Harold requests a motion to approve October minutes. Terry Werner makes a motion, which was seconded by Reese.

All in favor; motion passes by consensus.

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION UPDATES

Treasurer; Terry Werner

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Update on financials:

Checking: $3576.26

Savings: $1360.44

Time Deposit (business CD): $4554.08

If you are new to the neighborhood, we appreciate your support by contributing to the organization by paying yearly dues. Yearly dues can be made by check, online, or via Venmo @WPLNA. **If you pay via Venmo, please list your address and name in your payment.**

***ANNUAL DUES** are $25 per adult (Ex: a family of 4 with two adults would pay $50 total). You can pay via check written out to WPLNA, online at our website https://westpinelaclede.com/ or via Venmo @WPLNA. **If you pay via Venmo, please list**

your address and name in your payment. If you have any questions about paying dues, please reach out to Nicole or Terry.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification Committee Chair; Katie Eyestone

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Litter

- We've added 4 more volunteers to the Grab n Gab litter pick up team since last month.
- Fall alley cleanup is this Saturday Nov 14! We're looking for a few more volunteers. If interested, please call or text Katie Eyestone at 720-231-4678.

Our 2026 certificates of appreciation for area businesses and building owners who are doing a great job keeping their grounds maintained are ready to go and will be presented by the end of this year. Some of the recipients will attend next month's WPLNA meeting to receive the certificates with all of us. This year's recipients include: Shortwave Coffee, The Scottish Arms, New Market Hardware, Greenwich Condominiums, Walgreens, Rejis Commission, Stella Apartments.

Holiday Decorations

Katie had brought up last month that she was going to pitch a proposal to the Special Business District (SBD) for funding for winter holiday decorations. She presented 4 different options, including renting decorations through a local vendor and purchasing everything.

- The SBD has approved the proposal, which includes:
    - Santa's Elves, a local vendor with experience working in St. Louis, will put up decorations at six intersections in the neighborhood.
    - Boyle/West Pine will utilize wreaths on the double-headed black iron streetlamps, which are only at that intersection, on all 4 corners.
    - Newstead/West Pine, Newstead/Laclede, Boyle/Laclede, Sarahh/Laclede and Sarahh/West Pine will be decorated with garland and large red velvet double-sided bows, one streetlamp at each corner.
    - These will be installed shortly after Thanksgiving.

- SBD approved an additional $1,250 for items to purchase, including string lights and items to decorate pots/urns available throughout the neighborhood.
- We also have access to ~30 wreaths (previous SBD purchase) to utilize throughout the neighborhood. We will need to do bow repair on some of these wreaths and clean them up. We have a lot of wrought iron fences (Park Place Apartments, Walgreens, Shortwave, the cul-de-sac park at Sarahh and West Pine etc.) as well as the pergola, where we could wire these wreaths on, provided the building owners are open to doing that.
- The red bows we will be utilizing have been donated to us by the Central West End Business District, which has used these in the past. We have enough additional bows to place them either single or double (TBD) on the single-lamped black wrought iron streetlamps on West Pine that run from Sarahh to Newstead.
- Katie will need volunteers to help decorating. Plan on joining on Saturday, December 5 at 10 am to join the fun!

Holiday Giving

Katie is going to host a holiday food drive to support our nearest food bank, Trinity Episcopal on Euclid. We hope to make this a recurring monthly opportunity.

- Consider donating food to help our neighbors in the direst of need.
- The initial food drive will be at the picnic table by Boyle/Laclede on Saturday and Sunday, 11/21-22, noon to 1 pm.
- We will send reminders via flyers in the neighborhood and the WPLNA email distribution list.

9th WARD ALDERMAN REPORT

Michael Browning

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Alderman Browing gives a shout out to Katie for being a great neighbor and all her efforts in litter clean up, holiday decorations, and contributions to the neighborhood that help make our corner of the city a beautiful and welcoming place to live!

Alderman Browning announces his run for the President of the Board of Alderman and communicates his concern for our city and its ability to crawl out of the continuing population decline. He has been with the Board of Alderman for 3.5 years and has been passionately fighting for legislation being passed that he feels that isn't making a large

enough impact on our city as a whole. He wants to continue fighting these legislation issues as well as the statewide police take over. He has joined a lawsuit with the city counsel's office to overturn this takeover, which he feels will benefit the city.

Alderman Browning communicates that our city's declining population leads to a smaller tax base to pay for the same amount of services our city needs to function. He has a vision for St. Louis to be a city that can be a place where we can grow!

He wants to work on building new houses on vacant land, increasing the residential opportunities for people to move into the city. He wants to build quality housing in hopes of decreasing the tax burden on current citizens and be proactive and aggressive on housing policy to make St. Louis a competitive city again.

He wants to fight closing schools and work with local government to collaborate with SLPS to increase student population, increase the quality of education, and give St. Louis citizens a place to live, attend school, and thrive.

Additionally, he wants to run his campaign fighting for utility company coordination with the Streets Department to improve city services, infrastructure, and attention to data centers, based with people in mind. He believes that the city is about the people that live in it and wants to dedicate his campaign to the citizens he serves.

Alderman Browning closes with announcing that he is hosting his campaign kickoff on December 14th at 7pm at the Dogwood in The Grove!

Neighborhood Improvement Specialist

Ron Coleman

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- Nothing new to report

Development Committee Chair; Dan Hellmuth

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- Nothing new to report

Security Liaison; Open position

- Nothing new to report

Block Captains:

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4300 Laclede: open position

4100-4200 West Pine: Teresa Meier (314) 973-1097

4300 West Pine: open position

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next General Meeting: Dec 8th @7pm @Northwest Coffee. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.