

Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council (SDCC)

October 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Molly Rater (President), Tracy Granneman (Vice President), Yvette Kell (Treasurer), Jim Holzer, David Mastin, Jeff Stokes, Tim Woodcock, Mike Stephens

Not Present: Carl Merritt, Rachelle L'Ecuyer, Kim Freter, Kathryn Bulard, JoAnna Schooler, Arline Webb

Visitors: Ald. Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Grady Vaughn, June Vaughn, Dan Schesch, Ron Coleman

Executive Director: Michael Reid

Meeting was called to Order at 7:02 via Zoom

President Molly Rater related who the attendees and visitors were and that we had a quorum. September minutes were approved

NIS report: New NIS Ron Coleman reported that he was taking Brian Kolde's place as the liaison for all city agencies. The department is short-staffed so he will be covering 9 neighborhoods and 30,000 residents. His phone number is 314-657-1361 and mobile is 314-606-7674. He advised us to call CSB for street light problems, Ameren for alley lights

Aldermanic report: Ald. Clark-Hubbard reminded us all to register to vote by Wednesday. Hamilton School will be a voting site but not just restricted to neighbors. Residents can do absentee voting up to two weeks before the election. Job fairs coming up-need city employees

Committee Reports

Security: Grady Vaughn submitted a separate report. He reported that there was no meeting last week due to NNO. New police liaison is Captain Michael Haman. Calls are down 18% since July. There were 8 auto thefts in July, 7 in August and none in September. There were more car accidents than usual. Tracy reported that parking was a problem in her area and drivers are parking by hydrants. Parking by Permit signs may be taken down on 5800 Waterman.

Dog Park: Tracy reported that they may have found a chairperson and will be meeting soon.

Housing and Zoning: Marv Nodiff submitted a report separately. He is participating in the development of a Form Based District. The committee has 9 members and is also working on updating demographic data of residents

Commercial District: Rachelle's written report read that there were no requests this month and nothing to report.

Beautification: No report

Community Development Committee: Nicole's written report stated that she is working on recruiting and screening several new committee members.

Treasurer's Report –Yvette reported that the Financial report is incomplete because monies still coming in from Porchfest. No vote was taken.

Executive Director's Report – ED Mike Reid reported that he has applied for a SLACO grant, no info on last grant he applied for. Friends letter will be sent soon, made 14,000 dollars last year. He has been conducting Porch talks and looking for new ways/times to meet to make eastern neighbors feel welcome. He reported that some residents feel that black neighbors are ticketed more than white neighbors and they are hesitant to go west of Des Peres. Marv Nodiff suggested we try to get data on ticketing patterns

New Business: Dan Schesch reported on recent flooding and suggested that we solicit reports of flooding from neighbors in the next Times. If we had enough cases perhaps Wash U civil engineering students could look at relief maps and come up with suggestions. Dave Mastin reported that the Corps of Engineering controls the River Des Peres so the Wash U students would not be able to do much more than a project, but they could still do a map. Mike Reid reported that the new Form Based District includes money from a conservation organization. There has been some interest in Rain Guards but cost would be prohibitive. A board member suggested that Heather Navarro may be able to help with her new Wash U conservation job.

Molly reported on upcoming events and that current board members need to state if they wish to stay on the board by the January meeting. A board retreat will happen with the new board in early 2023. There will be no December meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Amended minutes submitted by Molly Rater 11/15/2022