

## Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council Open Meeting 4/10 7pm

### 1) Mike Reid – Executive Director

Mike provided an introduction of the SDCC, as well as background of the council and our mission.

Highlights from 2022:

- Spring clean up
- Rags to Riches
- The Free Agents performed on September 2
- Porchfest in October was a success
- Wintermarkt in December

Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped with these events.

### 2) Shameem Clark-Hubbard – Alderperson for the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward

Shameem provided an introduction of herself, spoke about the new 10<sup>th</sup> Ward, let everyone know about her travelling one-on-one meetings held the last Monday of the month from 6:30-7:30pm. This is an opportunity to ask questions and get additional information about the community. The first one for this new term will be Monday April 24<sup>th</sup> at Grace Methodist Church.

Questions posed to the alderperson:

- Recycling – why is the recycling being dumped into the trash?
  - Answer – the city is working with Bright Side to attend to this operation, there is a foreman who is supposed to be surveying the recycling dumpsters to ensure they aren't contaminated, which they have been for a long time, with non-recyclable material. All complaints need to be submitted to our Neighborhood Improvement Specialist – she provided her cell phone # 314-393-1393

### 3) Tracy Granneman – Council President

Tracy provided a brief introduction of goals and objectives as well as the rest of the council.

- Goals will be focused on the following broad topic areas:
  - Governance
  - Communication and Engagement
  - Finances

### 4) Committee reports

#### **Historic District Committee**

Anna Marie Bliss provided the committee goals and an overview.

- Transparency of codes, policies, and procedures
- Awareness of codes, policies, and procedures
- Working with other committees
- Providing an orientation for those in the neighborhood – new buyers and real estate agents

## **Community Development**

Nicole Blumner provided the committee report

- Working on creating neighborhood projects
- They meet on an ad-hoc basis
- IMO's proposal for a walk-up facility on Delmar and DeGiverville is not happening
- They provided input for the demolition for the building on Delmar
- They worked with the city on the traffic study
- They are currently working to provide input for the new radio/TV tower going up on DeBaliviere, still hasn't received any feedback from the community as of yet.

## **Security Committee**

Grady Vaughn provided the committee report

- Working on reengagement of the Metrolink, security gates will be going into the stations this summer to help with security meet monthly with area police officials.
- Spoke about the issue with the business, Blue, on Delmar – they are working on having the business shut down.

## **Beautification Committee**

Andy Cross provided the committee report

- Breakfast Garden tour will be held June 3<sup>rd</sup>, this is a great neighborhood mixer. Tickets are \$10.
- Dog show is scheduled for June 13 at 4 corners
- Brightside will be providing flowers for the plant exchange

## **Community Engagement**

June Vaughn provided the committee report

- They are working to revitalize and increase the community building with block captains

## **Zoning Committee**

Marvin Nodiff provided the committee report

- This committee meets twice a month
- They are looking for quality of housing experience and ensuring we have that in our area.
- Making sure the community experience is engaging
- Providing Education of the city ordinances for all residents.

## **Washington University**

JoAnna Schooler provided an update on Wash U happenings.

- Move-out/move-in will be happening soon, working n doing an audit of all the alleys for the trash that will come. Hoping for improvements with this process moving forward.

- Thank you for attending and providing feedback regarding the Skinker/Forest Park Parkway intersection. They are utilizing the feedback to make small tweaks before moving forward.
- If there are any questions regarding the properties recently acquired on Delmar, please let her know.
- The university does not plan to make changes to buildings. The only significant change the university has planned for these buildings is the change in ownership. We recognize the role small businesses provide to the Delmar Loop, and we remain committed to preserving the vibrant nature of the Loop.

### **Public Comment**

Mark 58XX DeGiverville voiced concerns regarding the shooting on Delmar at the business, Blue, Saturday March 29. He would like to know if there are cameras in Lucier Park, if we can get them, and what else is being done to keep the area safe.

Josh 57XX Kingsbury Place spoke about two problem properties:

5806 Westminster – pit of water as they have dug for a foundation and haven't done any further work.

Winter Garden Apartments sidewalk deteriorated by machines, what can be done about this?

There have been a number of development improvements not being communicated enough, the community would appreciate more information regarding any area developments.

Karen Stokes for Grace Methodist Church offered to help get petitions signed to assist with managing security risks and concerns in the community.

Mike spoke about a representative from the Commercial District joining the council in the near future.

We need volunteers for all events over the summer and fall, as well as additional volunteers on all our standing committees. If you're interested in assisting with any of these things, please contact the SDCC office.

The recording this meeting will be posted on the SDCC website as well as on Youtube.