

SDCC BOARD Meeting Minutes JUNE 12, 2023

1. Introductions of Attendees and Board Attendance.

Council members in attendance: Mike Reid, Tracy Granneman, JoAnna Schooler, Katheryn Bullard, Jim Holzer, Kim Freter, John Wright, Karen Stokes, Linda Cross, Anna Marie Bliss, Yvette Kell

Absent: Molly Rater, Mike Stephens, Tim Woodcock

Community in attendance: Marvin Nodiff, Grady Vaughan, Andy Cross, Jeff Stokes, Shameem Clark Hubbard, Gloria,

2. Approval of May Minutes

Joanne moved to approve, Linda Cross 2nd. Motion approved unanimously to approve May minutes.

3. Committee Reports

Reports provided (attached).

Historic District: meeting Wednesday 6/14, the Dog Park fencing is going to be coming back to the council in the near future.

Beautification Committee: Dog Show June 12

Zoning Committee: reported Airbnb is monitoring those who only want to rent for one night, we're not sure if this will be reported to the city, but they are being flagged and we hope to have additional data by the end of the summer.

They are also working on gathering data about how many developers/managers in the area, contributing to the short term rental issues (parties, violence, etc).

Also discussed the property at 5806 Westminster Place – the foundation hole that was dug back in March hasn't been addressed.

4. Financial Report (Yvette)

We are breaking even as of May 30th overall financially.

Yvette asked for the bank account information and access to the accounts before she begins closing the accounts in Quickbooks to clean up our accounts overall.

MOU's for each of the Institutional Reps were not located, we will be creating new ones.

Kim Freter mentioned letters that went out about increases in Institutional Dues in 2018 (possibly), we will look for them and continue to create new MOUs

5. Executive Director Report (Mike R)

We were granted a Regional Arts Commission programming grant for \$14,000, and we should see this cash infusion in late July or early August.

Mike is in the process of working on another grant through SLACO for \$20,000; and an Economic Development grant through the City of St. Louis.

Mike and Alderwoman Clark Hubbard informally met with Stan Hoffmann about creating a presentation to develop the lot on the corner of Delmar and Skinker. They will be going through the Zoning, Historic, and Community Development Committees to ensure any plans are in line with neighborhood ordinances and the community is made aware.

6. Report from Alderwoman Shameem Clark_Hubbard

The Board of Aldermen is in session until July 14th

The biggest issue currently is the rate hike for water in the STL area due to needs for capital improvements. If you know of someone struggling to pay their bill, let them know resources are available and direct them to Shameem.

7. Tracy Grannemann introduced Nathaniel Rivers, from the 5800 block of DeGiverville, who has lived in the neighborhood since 2011, as a candidate for the Council as a member from one of the vacant positions within Washington Heights.

Linda Cross 2nd the nomination, this motion passed unanimously.

8. Presentation from Marvin Nodiff, Chair of the Zoning Committee, on proposed city legislation on Short Term Rentals.

Marvin provided some information about zoning and why it's important for us to voice our opposition and concern for Board Bill 34, which is currently being discussed by the Transportation and Commerce Committee.

Marvin suggested we put a letter together as testimony from the community regarding this Board Bill. No motion was voted upon, and no further action taken. Further discussion is needed.

9. Updates on St. Roch Appeal initiatives

Letters have been sent to the Archbishop. Current appeals are being worked on and a plan is being discussed about the possibility of the school closing next year, as well as plans for how the combination with Christ the King will look for the community.

10. Other Business/Public Comment.

Community member Gloria voiced her concern and displeasure with the way the Washington University students left the alleys during move out. JoAnna provided background on the efforts the university has made to hire contractors to remove discarded items in the alleys since Mid-May as it continues to try to work with other neighbors and the City to try to add dumpsters in the areas where there is space in the alleys along Pershing, Waterman, and McPherson and to arrange for temporary roll-away dumpsters as well as extra trash pickups that would be paid for by the university similar to the arrangement WashU has in University City. She also provided Gloria with her card for further discussion.

Meeting was adjourned at 9pm

Beautification Committee:

Our SD Electronics Recycling day and our Planting Day on May 13 both worked out very well.

Grady Vaughn and I repaired the wood boxes which cover the post&chains on the barricades at Rosedale& Westminster, and I made smaller repairs at Rosedale& Kingsbury. All 3 barricades have repaired & freshly painted boxes until the next car hits them.

The SD Dog Park committee held it's 2nd "Yappy Hour" on Thurs May 25 at Greg Freeman Park. It was a busy week for many folks with school ending and graduations, but we still had a nice group of people & dogs attending. The next "Yappy Hour" is on Fri June 23 6pm to 8pm.

Arthur Shapiro of 60xx Westminster adopted the Rosedale & Kingsbury planter. Along with his father Gabriel they cleared out all the weeds from the pavement seams, in the planter and under the tree. I made some repairs to the planter and gave it a new coat of paint. The barricade looks wonderful!. Arthur added Brightside flowers to the planter and will water it until fall. Arthur (10 years old) was featured on the Breakfast Garden Tour. Our Breakfast Garden Tour was on June 3 and was excellent! We received many fine compliments about the backyards on the tour. Thank you to all who volunteered and to those who sold tickets, and especially to those who put their Gardens on the tour.

SDCC Security Committee

Meeting Minutes – 6 June 2023

Location: Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

Committee Members:

Sgt. Michael Gage, WUPD

Mike Reid, SDCC Executive Director

JoAnna Schooler, WU & SDCC Board Liaison

Grady Vaughn, Security Committee Chair

Arline Webb, Neighborhood Resident

Other attendees: Marlene Mestres, Neighborhood Resident

After some Zoom technical difficulties, the meeting began at 5:40 PM. It was noted that a new Zoom link will be sent for the next meeting.

1. Grady Vaughan noted that the draft meeting minutes from the last meeting were distributed to all attending committee members for comment, and the corrected minutes were uploaded to the website.
2. **SLMPD Report**

Officer Haman of the SLMPD was unable to attend the meeting but forwarded the below list of Calls for Service for the neighborhood in May:

Assault	1
Auto Theft	2
Destruction of Property	1
Disturbance	20
Domestic Disturbance	8
Larceny from a Vehicle	2
Shooting	1
Shots Fired	8
Total	43

April total calls were 33, so this is a significant increase in calls.

Several questions were asked about definitions of the Calls for Service above, and about getting more information on certain calls. Grady said he would reach out to Officer Haman for answers. *(See Post Meeting Note)*

3. **WUPD Report**

Sgt. Gage noted that classes have ended, and campus is pretty quiet at this time. Normal patrols of the campus and related areas continue.

He also noted that the WU Security offices were moving from their current location to a building under construction nearer to the Delmar Metro station.

4. **Lucier Park Security Camera Request**

Grady will reach out to Alderwoman Hubbard for an update and include in post meeting notes if available.

5. **St. Louis Circuit Attorney's Office Report**

Representative was unable to attend.

6. **Bi-State/MetroLink**

Representative was unable to attend.

7. **Neighborhood Stabilization Team Report**

Representative was unable to attend.

8. **Parkview Report**

Parkview representative was unable to attend.

9. **Other Business**

a. **Loop Trolley concern at 5800 block Delmar**

Samantha Smugala, Director of East Loop CID contacted Bi-State to see if anything can be done to improve visibility or other features in the area but has not yet received a response.

b. **Speed Humps on Laurel**

Need update.

c. **Two Way Traffic on Pershing**

Arline Webb noted that there has been an issue with wrong way traffic on 6100 block of Pershing and new/additional signage is needed to emphasize the traffic laws. She will contact the NIS person (Sheree Hickman) for assistance.

**Next Meeting of the SDCC Security Committee is scheduled for 5:30 PM
Tuesday, July 11, 2023.**

**Note that the next meeting is delayed one week due to the scheduled meeting
day falling on a Holiday.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 PM.

Recorded by Grady Vaughan

Post Meeting Note:

Responses to questions for Officer Haman per email of 6/7/23:

What is the difference between a shooting and shots fired?

A shooting is where there's a victim that's been shot. Shots fired is where a caller/witness here's shots being fired in the neighborhood.

What falls under the disturbance category?

Any argument/dispute between individuals that haven't been assaulted or injured.

What falls under the assault category?

Any individual that is hit, punched or struck with some sort of weapon that causes injury.

Also, could we get more detailed incident reports on the shooting and shots fired incidents? When, where, and any resulting arrests, if any.

I can provide a bit more; however I have to be careful not to jeopardize the case.

Historic District Committee

Historic District Committee did not meet in May. Our next meeting is June 14 at 6:30pm at the SDCC office.

The Housing & Zoning Committee

The Housing & Zoning Committee reports as follows: during April, HZC continued its research in the city's records to identify investors owning multiple properties in the neighborhood. This will enable SDCC to be proactive in contacting such investors regarding compliance with the city's occupancy limit.