

Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council (SDCC)

October 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Tracy Granneman (President, Rosedale), Molly Rater (Secretary, Kingsbury Square), Yvette Kell (Treasurer, Washington Heights), Jim Holzer (Rosedale), Linda Cross (Rosedale), AnnaMarie Bliss (at large), JoAnna Schooler (Washington University), Tim Woodcock (Rosedale), Mike Stephens (Parkview), Nathaniel Rivers (Washington Heights) Kathryn Bulard (Busey Bank), Karen Stokes (Grace Methodist)

Not Present: Carl Merritt (Cote Brillante), Kim Freter (St Roch) John Wright (Parkview Agents)

Visitors: Ald. Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Andy Cross (beautification), Samantha Smugala (Delmar Loop), Juan Crawford and Elmer Hammond (DJ Social Club), Teryl Riggins (6000 Kingsbury)

Executive Director: Michael Reid

Meeting was called to Order at 7:06 in person. Quorum with 12/15 board members present

Introductions

Approval of June, July and September minutes

Public Comment:

Business Proposal presented by Juan Crawford and Elmer Hammond for DJ Social Club. Prince Hall Free Masons are a group of Shriners and Masons-a fraternity of African American Males. They foster philanthropy, networking and job opportunities. They would be using this space at Laurel and Delmar as a Private club for social gatherings and meetings. They would usually be open W/R/F/Sat. They will be serving alcohol with a conditional use permit. They will not have a kitchen to serve food. There will be no alcohol to go sales. Parking will be in the Loop Trolley Parking Garage. They assert that they will enhance security and increase business traffic in the area. All members must undergo background checks. Only vetted members will be allowed to enter the club and members will have key fobs. They will have a capacity of 90 people. Motion passed by the board to table decision on letter of support until more neighbors learn of this, West End Neighbors need to be aware.

Long time neighbor Teryl Riggins expressed dissatisfaction with parking on her block, 6000 Kingsbury. She says that some apartment units on her block have 5-6 students, all with cars. She is frequently unable to park close to her home. She has a garage but does not feel safe using it because it is not attached and on the alley. She also reported that students often leave pets when they move out. JoAnna Schooler noted that none of the buildings on Kingsbury were Washington University properties. Teryl will meet with the Housing and Zoning Committee to work on solutions. Marv Nodiff who is on the HCZ committee talked with her after the meeting.

Aldermanic Report: Shameem reported that the short term rental board bill will have its third reading on Friday. Comments or suggestions can be sent to Shameem. BOA has also been dealing with the issues of the unhoused in the city.

She has pulled back support for Brent Cowin acquiring property in neighborhood.

Shameem will help with getting new trash dumpsters for the Skinker DeBaliviere neighborhood.

Motion made to end meeting and move to closed session at 7:54 PM

Minutes submitted by Secretary Molly Rater

Tuesday October 17, 2023