

West Pine / Laclede Neighborhood Association

Minutes: 5.11.10

Terry Werner, subbing for President Tony Angel, opened the meeting, led the introductions, and gave the Treasurer's report—\$2182.76 in checking acct; \$8356.79 in CD deposit. Minutes of April meeting were unanimously approved, along with a clarification that the zoning discussion in that meeting was had emphasized heights of buildings.

Committees

Development: No further info re a liquor license application from Walgreens; also, there is a rumor but no details that CVS still has interest in locating in the CWE.

Beautification: a) Liz Wright gave the website of the Laclede / Boyle community garden and invited all to join the project. Fencing of the garden and mulch are coming soon.

b) Fr Gary Hogan volunteered to care for the planter on West Pine and its needs.

c) Jeff Minor is caring for the Laclede planters and they are in good shape.

d) Natalie Zurfluh reported a shabby (dying?) tree—and possible safety hazard—and the Forestry Dept will be contacted for their evaluation and possible removal of that tree.

e) Laura Cohen will check the tree list regarding needed trees in spots where trees have been removed but not replanted.

f) Regarding a contribution to Brightside for the materials and plants, Laura suggested a donation. \$100 was suggested and approved unanimously.

Security: No report.

Old Business: None

New Business

1. Sam Anderson, the City Liason for our Association, responded to concerns about 4201 Laclede which is vacant. This building has been cited and further action will be taken if needed. He also said that the "frat house" on W. Pine will be monitored for noise/disturbance since the warm weather is upon us.
2. There is a problem with the early (4 a.m.) pickup of dumpsters in the alley of West Pine; and a similar problem with the dumpster beind the Independent Center. Joe Roddy, our Alderman, asked for an email with the llocation, time and any other specifics. Dumpster and garbage pickups are not permitted before 6 a. m., and offenders can be fined/punished.
3. Election of Officers
Tony Angel, who is moving out of the neighborhood, was thanked for his two years of service as President (given applause).
Elected as President: Harold Karabell; VP: Dug Feltch; Secy: Tom Fox;
Treasurer: Terry Werner.

Special Presentation regarding The Spot

Two months ago we had a presentation by Kim Danica, Director of The Spot (4169 Laclede) regarding their agency and services. A dialog ensued with a good deal of feedback for the Agency and various related problems for the immediate neighbors. Tonite Louis, the assistant Director, reported that much of the feedback was incorporated and worked on by the Spot, and that he agency appreciated the feedback. For late meetings, a shuttle will pick up participants and transport them to the metro, thus reducing noise. The Agency participated in the Brightside cleanup as well as provided coffee, bagels, juice to the workers. In July an open house for the neighborhood is being planned, probably from 10 to 12 on a Saturday morning. Also, in August there will be a "Nite Out" on a Tuesday so that neighbors can meet the young people who attend.

Announcements

Fred of West Pine Pharmacy, a neighborhood fixture, died recently.

On May 23 Sunday from 6 to 9 pm, Lea Kosterer / Terry Werner have invited all to an evening of Music to Lea's studio on West Pine. Ravenwolf will provide the music.

On June 2 at 5:30 pm there is a fund raiser for the 17th Ward. Pat Cox is the contact person.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Submitted,
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