



## **DNA Town Hall Meeting Notes 6pm, March 14th, 2016 Downtown Central Library**

### **General Membership Updates**

- The next St. Louis safety meeting 6pm next Monday at police headquarters.
- Event this Saturday called the move against crime. Walking down to better family life.
- Sara from Team STL. Promotes sports and activity.
- Karen from St Patrick's center is holding pot of gold donation box. Need to raise 3-4 million dollars through fund raising.
- On April 5 ballot there is an increase for property tax going to STLPS.

### **Aldermen Updates - Jack Coatar, 7th Ward**

- The National Blues museum is opening next month.
- Washington Ave phase III is in MODOT hands and will be taking place after opening.
- Working on improvements to convention facilities.
- 140 hotel room going into the building that houses Pickles Deli. Have an offer on the Chemical Building.
- 7th street streetscape improvement is moving forward.
- Looking into outside organizations feeding homeless in parks. Looking to see who has permits, why, better ways of doing things.
- Question was asked whether or not residents have a vote for soccer stadium? Jack said it would depend if public money is needed. No vote needed if public money is not needed.

### **Great Rivers Greenway - Matt Brinkmann**

- Thurs June 2nd 4:30 is ribbon cutting celebration for arch grounds.
- New Bike lane will be going down Chouteau.
- Looking at programming. Trying to incorporate arts, large events, and small events. Heritage festival will take place sat June 11.
- Will have movie nights and concerts.
- Public Charrette to see what people want to see on the riverfront.
- No plans yet for Fair St. Louis to come back downtown...up to national park service.
- Arch opens to the public late March.

### **Public Safety Director - Richard Gray**

- 1% earnings tax is on the April ballot.
- Has been used as a revenue source since 1959.
- A public vote happens every 5 years.



- Tax collects 164 million dollars per year. Police budget is 150 million. Fire Dept. is 150 million.
- Many other cities have e-tax.
- On April 5th ballot. Prop E.
- They have looked at other areas to plug the revenue gap if earnings tax goes away.

### **Director of Human Services - Eddie Roth**

- Will be a series of meetings where serious conversations can be had on future homeless plans.
- HUD announced funding grant. Waiting for rapid rehousing grant.
- Substitute for homeless hotline is being explored.
- They are looking into a more robust homeless database for providers.
- St. Patrick's Center does intake for homeless men.
- 12th and park has 1-year anniversary coming up. They have been a good neighbor.
- Homeless will have a place to go if the NLEC is closed.
- Working on permanent facility, will have announcement soon. Will have daytime intake for men and women. New facility will be overnight for single men. Gateway 180 for women and families.

### **Urban Harvest Food Roof - Mary Ostafi**

- Started with community garden on Pine Street.
- Have a food roof on U-Haul building at 1335 Convention
- 3rd sat every month is for volunteers from 9-11am
- Will start having Yoga sessions.
- Earth Day events on April 24th.

### **Committee Updates**

*Arts* - Met to get the group active. Discussed what role we can assume and don't want to duplicate existing efforts.

*Events* - Have morphed into a larger group. Happy Hour is at Bootleggin' BBQ on Thursday March 31st. 314 The City Bar is April's Happy Hour.

*Planning and Zoning* - Parking kiosks being replaced that were taking away patio space. Volunteers are needed for separate committee for bike items. New lights are up on Broadway and 4th that need to be reviewed.

*Parks* - Family Day is the 19th in the Lucas Park playground.

*Resident Outreach* - There will be an upcoming presentation to condo owners about how to better market your building.



Safety - We met with a group to work on Quality of Life issues for weekend nights. Please get out as the weather gets warmer and call 911 if you see anything suspicious or illegal. The more people on the streets the better.  
Captain Kriesmann - Some assaults in the garages. Made arrests. More incidents near Lucas park could be because of giveaways. Uptick in calls for synthetic pot, K2.  
Coffee with a cop is April 6th 8am at Rooster  
Cop meet and greet later in April. Similar to the one in October.

### **Bylaws Vote**

3 amendments to the bylaws were proposed.  
67 general members present to vote in person or by proxy.  
1 amendment passed, gives the DNA Board the ability to raise funds for the association.  
2 amendments did not receive 2/3 approval to pass. One amendment would lower the quorum size to 5% from 10% and one amendment would redefine voting membership to residents, small businesses, and large businesses.  
There were 14 abstentions, which count as a "no" vote.  
Another vote will be held in May.