



DNA Town Hall Meeting Notes 6pm, July 11th, 2016 Downtown Central Library

Neighborhood Announcements - Various individuals running for office introduced themselves.

- Patrick Hamacher - Circuit Attorney
- Lynda Krewson - Mayor
- Marty Murray Jr - Committee Person
- Dylan Hassinger - Missouri Senate
- Rasheed Aldridge - Committee Person
- Bruce Franks - Missouri House of Representatives

Announcements

- Michelle informed us that there is a new state of the art learning center at 20th and O'Fallon.
- Larry from Rise stated they will be having a festival at 16th and Washington. There will be food and artists. They still need volunteers. It will be held Saturday at Aug 20th.
- Updates from Aldermen - No aldermen were present. Marty Murray Jr stated they are still having issues with speeding traffic at 22nd and Washington. Jared will text the alderman since she couldn't make it.

Updates from DSI - Missy Kelley

- Missy introduced what DSI does and the CID.
- Announced that funds will be available to pay for first 6 months of the Safetrek mobile app. The app allows anyone who is walking anywhere to press a button. If released without entering a code, it will dispatch 911. Can be downloaded through iTunes. The company that built the app is a startup out of T-REX. It will also track data on areas where people feel unsafe. Right now it is just free for downtown residents but anyone can download it for a fee. Employers can pay for employees. It's on iPhone and Android platforms. They will post flyers in buildings to let people know.

Update on Homeless Services - Eddie Roth

- Biddle house opening August 2nd. No more day services downtown since a new one is open in Compton Heights.
- He mentioned they are still working with outside groups that pass out supplies and food to the homeless. The parks downtown are not a good location and they are other ways these groups can help.

Presentation on St Louis Strong - Jake Hollander

- He is from the county and moved away after college. He came back to St Louis with the goals of encouraging regionalism.
- He mentioned the county lacks sense of community and the City is often used in a negative way synonymous for other meanings.
- Fragmentation is really hurting the region and impacts governments, jobs, crime, etc.



DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

- Recommended reading the books Mapping Decline or Fragmented By Design to understand the issues. They have 600 on list serve thus far and has been growing.
- They will be having 3 roundtables in the area. One in Clayton, Ferguson, and Overland. Go to the website and sign up.
- They currently need board members.

National Blues Museum

- The Director spoke that they have been up and running for a few months. They are currently looking for volunteers. They will eventually plan to have street festivals.

Updates from Police

- The suspects were caught in 11th and Washington incident.
- Both suspects for shooting and robbery from Sauce on the Side have turned themselves in.
- 13th and Washington hate crime bar brawl occurred. The Police have identified suspects.
- Scott Boyer is the new Lieutenant.
- They are working hard with homeless group that has moved around to numerous downtown parks.

Updates from DNA committees:

Education - New Chair is needed

Events - July's HH is at Tigen. August's is at Cielo. Taste of Downtown starts on July 23rd. They are always open to suggestions for happy hours.

Parks and Green Spaces - Next cleanup is at 10am, July 17 at Lucas Park.

Safety - Next Downtown Walk is this Wed at 7pm. Meet at Washington Ave Post. They have been working on 3 items most of the year. Weekends on Washington Ave, issues with Downtown parks, and liquor license reform. Next meeting is at 6pm, July 27th at Lucas Park Grille.