



## DNA Town Hall Meeting Notes 6pm, May 9th, 2016 Downtown Central Library

### **Neighborhood Announcements**

Lunchtime live occurs every Friday at Old Post Office Plaza  
Marty Murray running for 7th Ward Committee Man

**Bylaws vote** - We are voting for the same amendments as last month. Not turning in ballot is a no vote. Quorum is currently at 10% which we are looking to lower to 5%.

**Aldermen Updates** - Alderman Davis. Need for better communication between alderman and stakeholders. This can go a long way in achieving goals.

### **Updated from DSI - Craig Heller**

- Operates downtown CID.
- Working on adding cameras and Light my STL.
- Working of app for safety.
- Working on events such as lunchtime live.
- Focus on what holds back market. How to help projects get completed status.
- Innovation district is working on high speed Internet. Also working on light post banners for startup companies.
- Infrastructure Wash Ave Phase 3 for MX District. Bids are out and coming back at end of May. New sidewalks and lighting. Looking at SEMAC for traffic, 2 ways streets, bike lanes. Did not get EW gateway funds for 7th. Working to find funds for infrastructure improvements.
- Business retention. Landed momentum. Quite a few developments. Billion dollars in potential developments. 3 Boutique hotels. Railway Exchange Development. CPI.

### **Update on Homeless services - Eddie Roth**

- Nearing completion of 2.5 million development called Biddle House.
- Services for homeless and housing opportunity.
- May be gap from Bridge closing and opening Biddle House.
- Comprises of 98 beds for single men. Services for 125 people.
- RFP is out for organization to run Biddle house. Will be selected soon.

### **Presentation on violence prevention – Dr. Purnell**

- Coordinated approach to gun violence.
- Launched after 188 homicides last year.
- Collaborative launched in Jan.

-Learned:

- most gun violence concentrated on small group of people
- 80% happens in certain neighborhoods
- Focused deterrence
- Violence interruption which means it treats violence like a disease



## DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

- Community mobilization
- School based prevention

### -Recommendations:

- Need Funding
- Create group
- Needed Community buy-in
- Collaborative between Washington University and United Way.
- Largest need is for set of services.

### **Presentation on drug trends - Brandon Costerison**

- Had a super bowl commercial to raise awareness.
- Addiction starts with prescription opiates then moves to heroin.
- Could start with surgery or injury.
- Vast over prescription by doctors in current market.
- Can dispose of unneeded pills with packet and put in Dropbox.

### **Neighborhood police. Captain Kriesmann**

- Crime is down from last year.
- 5 weapons stolen this past weekend.
- Discussed license plate readers. Cruising problem that starts on North Broadway and floods into downtown.
- Can't chase for traffic violation.
- No motorcycles between 10-4.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Park Cleanup - 10am, 5/14, Lucas Gardens Park
- Building Captains Meeting - 6-7pm, 5/17, Paul Brown Lofts
- Neighborhood Walk - 7pm, 5/17, Starting at Washington Ave Post
- Safety Meeting - 6pm, 5/25, Lucas Park Grille
- Happy Hour - 5:30-8pm, 5/26, The Kitchen Sink
- Community Night at Cardinals Game - 6:15pm, 9/29, Busch Stadium
- Spark DNA Fundraiser - 10/22, Arcade Building