



DNA Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Where: The Last Hotel and via Zoom

When: April 30th at 6pm

Attendees: Dan Pistor (Chair), Tanner Tucker (Chair), Michael Antkowiak, Ava Spencer, Jeffrey Carson, Kristin Denbow, Lynna Sherman, Victoria Schultz, Craig Heller, Arnold Stricker, Brad Waldrop, Corey James, Suzanne Moak, Lieutenant Boyher, Deanna Murphy, Alderwoman Davis, Tedd Masiogale, Teresa Ramsey, Taurina Lyles King, Adam Briggs, Louis Aboussie, Mauria Tomlin, Roobah Fox, Mecoe Booker, Britt Booker, Lisette LaRoux, Anne Marie Masters, Rob Gibson, Angela Warner, Shannon Keller, Officer Harris.

1. Liquor Licensing

- New Applications:
 - None
- Pending Applications:
 - Harolds Shrimp and Chicken | BMG Enterprise, LLC | Manager Mecoe Booker | 1325 Washington (rear) | Applied 10/29/21
 - Cru Lounge | Legacy Vibes LLC. | Manager Jovan Wilson | 807-809 N 2nd | Applied 2/4/22
 - Pine Liquor & Wine Store | Kesha's Krupa LLC | 119 N. Broadway | Applied 1/22/22
- Tanner once again conveyed our stance on catering permits. We have experienced operators trying to get around applying for a Full Drink License by obtaining a Catering Permit. We do not approve of the issuance of catering permits so club owners can circumvent the plat and petition process. These places should apply for a real liquor license. Catering permits should be limited to venues that do not regularly serve alcohol, like a special event at a museum or a fundraiser at the Central Library.
- Harolds Shrimp and Chicken gave a presentation:
 - Mecoe Booker owns BMG Enterprises LLC. Been operating for 4 months. Originally from Chicago.
 - There are other locations in the Chicago area but this is not a franchise. It is modeled after the other stores. They sell fried chicken, shrimp, french fries, and other appetizers. Pricing for the food is moderate.
 - The hearing with Excise was set for this Thursday.
 - They plan on selling beer, wine, and some hard alcohol. They are applying for a full liquor license.
 - They are labeled as a sports bar and have occupancy for 49 seats indoors.
 - Will be open 12pm to 9 Sunday thru Thursday and 12pm to 11pm Friday and Saturday.
 - They will not have live music or DJ's, just 70's and 80's music over the speakers.
 - They do not foresee the need for any security but if they do experience problems, they would put into place the necessary securing measures.
 - Lieutenant Boyher asked if any liquor is being sold in the "to go" form. They said they do not plan on selling any liquor designed to leave the premises.



2. Quality of Life Concerns, Cruising, and Updates from SLMPD

- Dan thinks that the Board Bill 119 for loitering and Board Bill 125 for panhandling are designed to undo the loitering and panhandling laws in the city are dead. They were heard at the committee level but did not make it out of committee. This is a win.
- Board Bill 150 which is a bill to protect the property of the homeless also is dead.
- We had issues with residential buildings and Short Term Rentals. Lieutenant Boyher said they have issues with the Level on Locust (917 Locust). They arrested 2 juveniles with a high capacity glock and an AR-15 dealing drugs out of a stolen car out front of the building. Unit 317 is the problem apartment. Across the street at 315 N 10th is a problem AirBNB on the 2nd floor. They have also had several issues at the Park Pacific building with Short Term Rentals and will stop doing them. There was a huge party on the roof of the Ely Walker Lofts.
- Lieutenant Boyher said the scooters are drawing hoards of kids to Kiener Plaza. He thinks it would help immensely to get rid of the scooters completely. Other places like Philadelphia have gotten rid of them and have had good results.
- The cruising detail will be the same as last year but with less manpower. One week will be SWAT and Mobile Reserve, the next week will be Traffic Enforcement. They will try to choke down traffic on key points. They will monitor Washington and close when necessary. They will close Market from Broadway to Tucker.
- Tauriana suggested that a forum is held for the property management companies to learn about these issues and develop best practices. Dan has shared this information with Greater St Louis Inc and they will be setting something up. Brad said some of the problem owners likely not be cooperative.
- Taurinia asked if there are other departments leaders in city government that we can invite to these meetings. Brad concurred that Excise, Building Division, the media could attend.
- Mauria Tomlin the NSO for the 7th Ward have the following properties on the nuisance list - 315 N 10th, 917 Locust, and 1226 Olive.
- Dan will send out contacts to advocate for changes to scooters, illegal bars, Short Term Rentals. He can also include a form letter.
- Per Alderman Page the ordinances dealing with loud vehicle with straight pipe exhaust and ATV's have been passed and entering onto the books.
- Dan will send an email in regards to unattended patio furniture.

3. Problem Properties

- **Tucker Shell** - The Shell had a revocation hearing and with the Board of Public Service and they ruled by a vote of 3-2 that they can continue. They only gave witnesses 2 minutes to speak. We will appeal.
- **NLEC** - The city granted the NLEC and occupancy permit. The group NIA Downtown West will dispute it and take legal action.
- **Locust Tucker Garage** - No updates
- **Parking Lots** - Board Bill 122 is being redrafted. Hope to have more soon.
- **AirBNB Issues** - We are working on an ordinance and will seek a sponsor within the Board of Alderman.
- **2030 Delmar** - No updates

4. Open Discussion



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- The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday May 25th.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm