



DNA Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Where: The Last Hotel and via Zoom

When: December 28th at 6pm

Attendees: Tanner Tucker (Chair), Dan Pistor (Chair), Kristin Denbow, Craig Heller, Lynna Sherman, Arnold Stricker, Brad Waldrop, Suzanne Moak, Shane Million, Tim Bryant, Tedd Masiongale, Sandra Keys, Alderman Page, Tauriana Lyles-King, Deanna Murphy (NIS), Suzanne Tiller, Ava Spencer, Shannon Keller, Sheila Hockel, John Hockel, Victoria Schultz

1. Liquor Licensing

- New Applications:
 - None
- Pending Applications:
 - Shufflepuff, LLC | Shufflepuff | Manager Michael Laurentius | 2201 Locust St Unit 101 | Full Drink, Sunday | 9/13/2022
 - Locust St Property 1 STL, LLC | 21c Museum Hotel St. Louis | Manager James Roberts | 1528 Locust St | Full Drink/Sunday/Summer Garden | Applied 9/9/2022
 - SWP, Inc | The Pitch | Manager Francis H. Ikemeier | 1900 Market St (Union Station) | Full Drink/Sunday/Summer Garden | Applied 8/26/2022
- Farina's Restaurant hearing was on December 1st at 9:30am. They were granted a license.
- **Presentation from Ono Ikanone from the Levels Nigerian Cuisine presented their plans for the hotel bar.**
 - Levels Nigerian Cuisine is located at 1405 Washington Ave which is the old Hiro Asian Cuisine space.
 - Ono went through a slide presentation he created. He owns Ono Celebrations, Marketing, and Consulting is and events company. Infinite Starlight is his property management company.
 - Wants to provide exposure to Nigerian food, culture, and music to St. Louis. They will be utilizing the space for events for local organizations.
 - The website is levelsrestaurantstl.com. Instagram: @Levelstl. Facebook: Facebook.com/levelsstl
 - Hours of operation are Tuesday and Wednesday 5pm-11pm, Thursday to Saturday 5pm to 1am, and Sunday 11am to 7pm.
 - They purchased the building in October 2022.
 - They have an aggressive timeline and want to open by March.
 - They want to have offices (co-working) on the 3rd and 4th floors with community based events.
 - They did not apply for a Dance Hall permit.
 - Dan asked if he has any restaurant experience. Ono said has working with Blue Dine and Lounge and did marketing promotions for them. He has also did a few events at Dos Salas.
 - Dan asked if they are having any DJ's or promoters. He said he is able to do things on his own so won't have outside promoters. They won't be doing any cash at the door. He said no DJ's or live bands at this time.



- o They plan on 75% being food but is aware of the trends with the restaurant business and liquor sales being essential.

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

- Jay Schroeder with the SLMPD stated they are still struggling with car break-ins. A robbery occurred at 10th and Washington which was drug related. The car fled to Illinois and probably responsible for the break-ins. There was a carjacking at 1500 Pine.
- Jay said they are down to 12 guys on the Downtown Bike Unit and may be down to 9 or 10 soon. Full staffing is 25. One day last week they didn't have anyone on the afternoon squad. They have been having 2-3 guys on a shift. They may have 4-5 guys on New Years Eve for the Downtown Bike Unit.
- Sandra Keys asked if they have any input on Neighborhood Protection orders. Jay said they try to get them and if they are indeed able to get them they will be enforced. Protection orders are designed for frequent offenders.
- The scooters will be back in 2023. The decision was made by the Mayor's decision. DNA and other stakeholders are not supportive of the scooter program.
- DNA delivered a letter to the Mayor's office advocating for more police officers and more enforcement, help with the homeless situation as done in Houston, moving the surface parking lot ordinance forward, short-term rentals, and advancing the I-Zoning. We hope to hear a response.
- DNA will be meeting with the city in regards to the issues with the street vendors in the 1200-1300 block of Washington.
- Be aware of people tailgating into residential buildings that are not authorized to be inside. mainly through front doors and garages.
- Kia and Hyundai theft have gone back down.
- Alderman Page has drafted a bill for speed humps throughout the ward. He has another bill for the electronic shuttles.

3. Problem Properties

- **Tucker Shell** - Briefs are being submitted and we hope to have an answer by the next meeting.
- **Residential Building Issues** - Ely Walker - A nuisance hearing was scheduled in December but was cancelled to give the owners more time to comply. The residents were upset since no determination was made and many were planning to speak.
- **NLEC** - If anyone sees anyone in the building, send photos to us. They do not have an occupancy permit.
- **Locust Tucker Garage** - No updates
- **Surface Parking Lot Bill 80** - We are continuing to drum up support for the ordinance. No further hearings are scheduled at this time. James wants to
- **Short Term Rental Bill** - Alderman Page has reached out to the sponsor Alderwoman Ingrassia to find out when she will file the bill but hasn't heard back yet.

4. Open Discussion

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



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Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm