



## **DNA Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Where:** The Last Hotel and via Zoom

**When:** January 26th at 6pm

**Attendees:** Dan Pistor, Tanner Tucker, Sheila Hockel, John Hockel, Tim Bryant, Michael Antkowiak, Ava Spencer, Jeffrey Carson, Kristin Denbow, Lynna Sherman, Preston Lim, Tedd Masiongale, Victoria Schultz, Craig Heller, Aaron Church, Arnold Stricker, David Smith, Sam Desu, Tauriana Lyles-King, Les Sterman.

### **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
- We continue to have issues with the potential sale and consumption of alcohol without a valid permit at several venues. Captain Benoist will check on a valid liquor license for 500 N 14th.
- Alderman Page mentioned a few Board Bills that would prohibit or limit the sale of alcohol.

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

- No updates thus far on Board Bill 119 for loitering and Board Bill 125 for panhandling are designed to undo the loitering and panhandling laws in the city. They were heard at the committee level but did not make it out of committee yet. The current panhandling ordinance only outlaws aggressive panhandling and near certain places such as churches and schools which seem reasonable.
- Board Bill 150 which is a bill to protect the property of the homeless. The concern is that it would allow encampments to pop up all over downtown since they cannot be removed in a short amount of time. Obviously we have had issues with encampments before and would rather see the homeless housed and given the services they need.
- Captain Benoist went over some crime stats. He said 75 total crimes over the past month. The majority (36) are larcenies from motor vehicles.
- Captain Benoist said the cruising detail will also focus on liquor selling establishments and problem properties. It will also include traffic enforcement on Broadway, 4th Street, and Washington. They hope to start the detail on March 1st.
- Captain Benoist said the new parking lot bill should go a long way in helping with the break-ins and quality of life issues on these lots and we should make our voices heard.
- The occupants of a vehicle that fired an assault rifle that penetrated a window at Printers Lofts are still wanted. The homicide on New Years Eve is still unresolved but they have a person of interest.
- DNA helped put together a detailed 5 Point Safety Plan with other stakeholders.
- Graffiti seems to be growing. Report any problems to the CSB.



- The lack of traffic enforcement continues. Tauriana said they need more traffic control on Washington but not at the expense of 4th and Broadway. It need to be balanced equally among those 3 streets.

### 3. Problem Properties

- **Tucker Shell** - Preston Lim was not aware that the property was not being secured and will check on it. He said the agreement with the city was to block entrances Thursday through Sunday from 10pm to 4am. They have 2 off duty officers Friday and Saturday and 1 on Thursday and Sunday.
- **NLEC** - DNA Safety was notified that the city is considering granting them a permit to make improvements to the building. We will pay attention to that matter and will provide further updates.
- **Locust Tucker Garage** - They received one proposal for a complete rework of the garage. A meeting was scheduled to review the plan. It would be for the Front Page Lofts and some other nearby buildings.
- **Parking Lots** - Board Bill 122 dealing with Surface Parking Lots was heard at the committee level but still needs time for consideration. Updates will be shared with the committee.
- **AirBnB Issues** - No updates on the bill to crack down on short term rentals. Kansas City has a good system on how to regulate them which should be considering in St Louis.
- **2030 Delmar** - The building caught fire a few weeks ago and was severely damaged. It appears to have been started by some individuals squatting that were trying to stay warm. There may be a hearing to demo the building.

### 4. Open Discussion

- Dan gave a review of 2021. We worked with others and were instrumental in closing Reign, shutting down Interco Plaza, creating a 5 Point Safety Plan, Tanner came aboard as Co-Chair, we expanded our liquor licensing process, starting implementing a Special Use District. We need to stay on top of the issues and continue to be strong advocates.
- A brief discussion was had about the city reporting stats that show crime is down, however many seem to think that it doesn't feel that way and things are worse. We need to voice our concerns with the Mayors office. The lower level crime seems to have increased dramatically.
- The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday January 26th**.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm