



## DNA Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

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

**When:** July 27th at 6pm

**Attendees:** Dan Pistor (Chair), Tanner Tucker (Chair), Michael Antkowiak, Ava Spencer, Kristin Denbow, Lynna Sherman, Victoria Schultz, Tedd Masiongale, Taurina Lyles King, Shannon Keller, Captain Benoist, Les Serman, Sheila Hockel, John Hockel, Tim Bryant, Sandra Keys, Jeff Carson, Arnold Stricker, Alderman Page, Laurie Miller, Sam Desu, Suzanne Moak, Brad Waldrop, Angela Warner.

### 1. Liquor Licensing

- New Applications:
  - Farina's Restaurant | Farinas Restaurant LLC | Manager Rashad Qaasim | 1001 Washington Avenue | Full Drink Sunday | Applied 7/12/22
- Pending Applications:
  - None
- Recent hearings.
  - Cru Lounge | Legacy Vibes, LLC | Manager Jovan Wilson | 807-07 N 2nd St | Full Drink and Sunday | **Denied**, lack of signatures 7/14/2022
- Oswaldo Farina gave a presentation on his restaurant Farina's at 1001 Washington Avenue.
  - They want to provide an upscale dining experience. It will be a steakhouse with an open concept kitchen.
  - He spent time in Las Vegas as a chef.
  - They own Gaucho's Steakhouse in Fairview Heights.
  - Event space on the west side will be used for higher end corporate events and weddings. It will not have regular bar hours. They will not going to work with outside promoters.
  - Hours will be 11am to 11pm.
  - They do not intend to have DJ's but may have some laid back live music during dinner hours to complement diners. There will not be a dance floor.
  - The website is [farinasrestaurantstl.com](http://farinasrestaurantstl.com)
- We continue to have issues with the potential sale and consumption of alcohol without a valid permit at several venues. The one in the 2600 block of Washington is vacating their spot in mid August.

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

- Captain Benoist gave his update on crime downtown.
  - He said the scooters will be shutdown in Downtown and Downtown West for the rest of the year.
  - They were down 6 officers for the Bike Unit and have since hired 4 more.



- o Violent crime has been mild over the past month. There was a shooting at an Airbnb at 411 N. 20th and 1920 Washington. The owner at 411 N. 20th has been cooperative however the owner at 1920 Washington has not.
- o Management of City View Apartments is working with the police on some of the issues. They have a few officers dedicated for that area.
- o Cruising has been light over the past few weeks. Cruising details are Saturday and Sunday from 6pm to 2am.
- o Car cloutings are a big problem still. They have created a flyer for everyone to hang that reminds everyone to not store valuables in the car.
- o Kia and Hyundai's have been getting stolen at an alarming rate. Be aware of that if you own one of those cars.
- o There is a police policy that if a shooting occurs, an officer has to be dedicated to that location for 24 hours if retaliation is a possibility.
- o Captain said that the Ely Walker Board has not been cooperative in dealing with the issues at their building.
- o Dan asked that if there is an illegal party on a residential rooftop SLMPD should arrest individuals for trespassing and unlawful entry.
- o The Captain said that Dan Copeland from the Building Division is working on problematic parking lots.
- o Dan asked that the Sheriffs shut down Washington between Tucker and 14th on the weekends. A lot of tailgating and drinking occurs.
- Lynna Sherman said the issues with The Den at 711 N 13th street have been chaotic. They have hired security which is costly. The music from the space is loud for the lower level units. She has witnessed people brandishing firearms and possible drug sales. There has been a lot of illegal parking, loud cars, and reckless driving.
- The issues with the Uncola Lofts have died down a little however they do have parties out by the pool before going to the club.
- Sandra Keys said the problem with some of the residential buildings is poor management and ownership. Dan said it would be good to start collecting names of management and owner contacts.
- The juvenile issues have decreased since the scooters were deactivated.
- Dan said if any residential building that has a rooftop to secure them. We have seen groups gain unauthorized access to them and host parties. The Cityview Apartments, Ely Walker, and The Ventana were some that have struggled with disturbances.
- There is an encampment on the Landing that is causing a lot of issues. Dan will share City Hall contacts for people to advocate to shut the encampment down. City Hall needs to hear from the voters.
- Alderman Page is working on getting the Washington Ave lights refitted with LED bulbs.

### 3. Problem Properties

- **Tucker Shell** - nothing has changed since last meeting. We are still looking at either getting a new hearing or appealing the prior ruling.
- **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** - Alderman Page has the bill ready to introduce the bill so it can be read on the first day back in September.



- **AirBNB Issues** - We worked on a Short Term Rental bill. The City also drafted a version that is lighter than ours. James is working with the city on those differences.
- **2030 Delmar** - The building has been demolished and will be removed from our list.

#### 4. Open Discussion

- The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday August 31st**.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm