



DNA Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Where: The Last Hotel and via Zoom

When: October 26th at 6pm

Attendees: Dan Pistor (Chair), Michael Graham, Kristin Denbow, Lynna Sherman, Craig Heller, Shannon Keller, Lynna Sherman, Nicholas Hess, Arnold Stricker, Brad Waldrop, Alderwoman Davis, Mo Haas, Tim Bryant, Shane Million, Suzanne Moak, Kylee Floodman (Bird), JP Holwerda (Lime).

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
 - Farinas Restaurant LLC | Farina's Restaurant | Manager Rashad Qaasim | 1001 Washington Avenue | Full Drink Sunday | Applied 7/12/22
- No hearings are scheduled.
- **Presentation from Friends Bar and Grill located at 1315 Washington**
 - Amer is the owner, his friend Rick will be the manager, and his son is part owner. They have not applied for a license yet.
 - They will serve food like a restaurant during the week.
 - Rick said they will do music on the weekends that will feature oldies, disco, and 80's/90's style. No new generation music. It will be recorded and some live music. It will not be a nightclub, it will be a laid back vibe that attracts a 40 and up crowd.
 - They are hoping to have food permits in place the 2nd week of November. They hope to have the liquor license filed in the next few weeks.
 - Hours of operation are 11am-10pm during the week. Friday and Saturday will be 11am-3am. They plan on applying for a 3am license.
 - Brad Waldrop said he is a hard no on a 3am license. Amer said they are committed to the neighborhood and would change the hours if the neighborhood asks.
 - Arnold Stricker asked if there will be outside music and if there will be dancing...if so, will they apply for a dance hall permit. There will be dancing and some light music on the outside.
 - James Page asked about the old Washington Post space next door and if they plan on applying for a license to sell alcohol like a convenience store. Amer said they do not have a lease on that space but do have an option to buy the building if they were able to obtain a license for the space next door. So they could be opening a convenience store next door if all goes as planned.



- o Craig Heller mentioned the proposed I-Zoning changes which would prohibit 3am liquor licenses and the conditional use for convenience marts, which they were not aware of.
- o Dan mentioned the challenges on those blocks over the years and how establishments have had to change operations and implement security, then asked if they would act in the same manner if needed. They said they already have security lined up and would consider implementing a 30 and up age to enter

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

- The encampment on the Landing is still causing problems. Dan urged everyone to continue sending emails. DNA will send an official letter. There was a recent media story on the horrible conditions. Link <https://www.kmov.com/2022/10/24/lacledes-landing-sees-car-building-break-ins-over-weekend/>
- Dan cautioned everyone about tailgating in residential buildings via on foot or vehicles. People have been coming in to steal packages and break into cars. James mentioned to position your car just beyond where the garage door is until it closes so no one can get it.
- No representatives from SLMPD were present this month.

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.
- **Residential Building Issues** - Uncola Lofts (1301 Convention Plz), Alder Annex (715 N. 21st), Ely Walker (1520 Washington), and City View Apartments (1500 Olive).
 - o Ely Walker - The approach from the city has a lot of holes in remediating the problems. A receivership is needed. A letter from DNA is an option.
 - o The pool issues at the Uncola Lofts have quieted down.
- **NLEC** - There has been activity even though they don't have an occupancy permit.
- **Locust Tucker Garage** - No updates
- **Surface Parking Lot Bill 80** - We had our first hearing today. We had some safety members testify. Some of the alderman committee members seemed neutral so no passage out of committee yet. The large parking lot operators were in attendance opposing the bill. The next hearing is scheduled for next week.
- **Short Term Rental Bill** - The bill written by the city does not have some of our concerns listed. James will work on having it included before it is filed, if not, he will try and get it amended.

4. Presentation from Bird and Lime Scooters Companies (JP Howlerda with Lime and Kylee Floodman with Bird)

- DNA Safety shared a list of concerns with them before the meeting.
- They want to maintain the relationship with Downtown Stakeholders. They have been speaking in general with the city on what it may look like if they were to operate again.
- There will be a cap on the amount of scooters. The amount they have thrown around is 150 per provider for a total of 300.
- They are working with the city to have mandatory parking. There would be designated locations where you can only end a trip. They would work with the city to establish those designated areas.
- They would be open to providing a portion of the amount made from trips to DNA.



- They would prefer the curfew to be midnight but are flexible.
- They can geofence certain areas such as plaza's, garages, and other no ride zones.
- In regards to sidewalk riding they can educate riders through the app and apply stickers to the scooters. The best technology solution is an audible sound that occurs when they are on the sidewalk.
- For underage riding and parents that scan for children they can implement ID technology but there are challenges with boxing out riders that the technology may misread. However, despite the challenges, they would be willing to implement these measures since it is a big problem. They can suspend users that scan for underage users but there is also a lot of complexities with it.
- Dan mentioned the severe issues at Kiener Plaza and if those issues cannot be resolved, then we can't agree with bringing them back Downtown. We also would need other stakeholders such as the Hospitality Industry and the Economic Development Council in agreement.

5. Open Discussion

- The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday November 30th**.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm