



DNA Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Where: The Last Hotel and via Zoom

When: May 31st at 6pm

Attendees: Tanner Tucker (Chair), Kristin Denbow, Lynna Sherman, Arnold Stricker, Suzanne Moak, Sandra Keys, Deanna Murphy (NIS), Ava Spencer, Jeffrey Carson, Sheila Hockel, John Hockel, Victoria Schultz, Brad Waldrop, Shane Million, Ebony Washington, Margaret Haas, Nicole Myers, Teresa Ramsey, James Page, Dennis Young, Captain Benoist, Earline Bell, John and Lois, Kristin Denbow, Lisa Otke (SLDC), Mike Zambrana, Tauriana Lyles-King, Gil Williams, Terri Stipanovich.

1. Liquor Licensing

- New Applications:

- Pending Applications:
 - 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 | **Hearing: 5/4/2023. Approved for issuance.**
 - The Daiquiri House STL, LLC | The Daiquiri House | Manager Carla Herman | 1226 Olive St, Ste 130 | Full Drink/Sunday/Sidewalk | Applied 12/20/2022
 - Levels Saint Louis LLC | Levels Saint Louis | Manager Ono Ikanone | 1403 Washington Ave | Full Drink/Sunday | **Hearing: 5/11/2023. Approved for issuance.**
 - Lavish Affairs, LLC | Lavish Affairs | Manager Vikki Wiggley | 1301-03 Dr. MLK Dr | Full Drink/Sunday/Dance Hall | Applied 02/17/2023 | **Hearing: 5/4/2023. Approved for issuance.**
 - Al Ameer, LLC | Friends Grill & Bar | Manager Hamzeh Elhasan | 1317 Washington Ave | Full Drink/Sunday/Sidewalk | Applied 02/24/2023

- Tanner again addressed the fact that some members in the business community are pushing to make it easier to obtain a liquor license. We haven't seen what that is yet but we are opposed to waiving plat and petition. The simple solution to the delays in obtaining a liquor license, is to provide staff and resources to the Excise Department not take away the voice of the residents. It should be more difficult to obtain a license Downtown than in suburban communities since our homes are just above or across the street from bars and restaurants. We should have a say in the process. Amy Gill said she would like to see it easier to obtain a license and easier to protest a problematic one.

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

- Captain Benoist
 - Airbnbs are a big issue in the Downtown and Downtown West area. 917 Locust had an incident this past weekend. They did have security, but security left in the middle of the incident because they only had one security personnel. There were several people in the event/community space they were not quite in a condo or an apartment.



More and more people kept getting into the building. So they took it upon themselves to get rid of the security firm that was there. They brought in another security firm that works seven days a week.

- o Hopefully the Short-Term rental bill will pass through quickly and we can start to see some improvements on that end of it.
- o We do have the cruising detail every weekend and we're dealing also with the juveniles in Kiener Plaza. Captain met twice already with the CID and their team on assisting the police and getting some resources down there because they can't detain or arrest their way out of this with the juveniles. 60% are coming from North County.
- o The Sheriffs are blocking off Washington. Then when they leave at midnight, they supplement them with other police officers when they have the manpower.
- o Captain met with City Social this week. The event is on Washington on June 9. They will be closing off Washington and have a couple of live bands and other entertainment.
- o James asked about the shootout Tucker Shell. He estimates 15 to 20 Shots fired between at least two groups in automobiles in broad daylight. Captain believes they believe they took some people into custody but the victims refused to cooperate.
- o Someone mentioned to have a facility to take the juveniles so their parents can pick them up.
- o It was brought up that the streets being closed which has helped with a lot of traffic. Some are still sitting at 13th in Washington even with the Street closed, there's still been gatherings there. There's usually one specific individual who has been on the news. He's all over social media as well. He has been there every weekend either serving out of a car or or doing something at the corner there. That's something to consider if there's manpower available..
- o A member was wondering if there was any consideration to put cameras at the bridges because it continues to be a problem. There was a shooting and there's other incidents of cars from Illinois speeding across all bridges. Is there any consideration for either cameras or something that can slow down the traffic coming into the city on these bridges and leaving? Captain said there are cameras right on our side of the river and they're operated by a federal agency and we just utilize those cameras for an incident this past week. So there are cameras up there. But they're probably not slowing down the people who are speeding.
- Tanner said we are paying attention to some other Board Bills such as the Homeless and tenants Bill of Rights.
- Tanner asked in anyone had any feedback on the scooters. He said that the Bird scooters seemed to be operating better than the Lime ones.
- Mike mentioned issues with the southern most Mansion House Tower, The construction fence is falling apart and there is graffiti on it.
- James said we are still waiting on the Washington Avenue lights to be installed.
- Terri from the Collective Thread brought up concerns with aggressive individuals and parking. They have also had issues with short-term rentals in the units above.
- DeAnna Murphy said if you have issues she can hep with to contact het at 314-325-6811.

3. Problem Properties

- **Tucker Shell** - We have not heard anything since the hearing occurred where they placed 2 additional conditions to their occupancy permit. They can't be open 24 hours. Can only



open at 5am to 11pm. The other condition is they cannot end up on the nuisance property list.

- **Residential Building Issues** - Issues with the buildings on Locust
- **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 44** - Tanner shared a copy of the bill. Please send your feedback to the Alderman. It is the same bill James sponsored last year. This is sponsored by Alderman Aldridge.
- **Short Term Rental Bill 33** - There needs to be modifications to the bill that have more stipulations on the rentals.

4. Open Discussion

- The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 26th**.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm