

Forest Park Southeast Neighborhood Association

Current proposals of the

Neighborhood Assistance Committee (NAC)

The purpose of this committee is to develop an agenda for the Neighborhood Association that connects long term and newer residents. It will assist with and support a process of integration, understanding and cooperation.

It educates newer residents about the devastating effects underdevelopment and new construction have had on long term residents, stabilizing long term residents and improving conditions for everyone.

We propose a walk for the N. A. members in April or May to assess conditions of long term residents' homes and surrounding area.

The walk will consider home repair needs, infrastructure conditions (especially sidewalks and sewer) this assessment will be ongoing.

- Assess the boarded, vacant properties – owned mostly by LRA, Wash U, Drury hotels, and Restoration St. Louis – many vacant for 15 or more years.
- Advocate for a fee for vacant properties to contribute to home repair funds.
- Code violation moratorium on long term residents until sufficient funds are found to assist them.
- Request an audit of current home repair funds. Involvement in the direction and disbursement of home repair grant funds. Ensure the avoidance of political use/abuse of such funds – transparency of homeowners who received the funds and people hired to do the work.
- Engage in a rigorous effort to fund the home repair assistance program, a goal listed in the FPSE Master Plan. It was developed by Washington

University, government entities – LRA, SLDC, and neighborhood residents, many years ago.

- **Investigate the use of reverse mortgages by residents and the financial effects of these funds.**
- **Create a process that Informs neighbors about demolition and construction near their home**
- . **Recruit volunteers to help with small fix-up or beatification projects. Find ways to assist residents faced with code violations. Develop a plan to keep our neighbors out of housing court.**
- . **Ensure demolition and construction follow etiquette that lessens the negative impact for residents.**

This is a new committee, please contact VP of FPSENA Dan Scott with helpful comments or suggestions. (314) 614-7576