

15Jan19 FPSE Neighborhood Association Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 6:50P – Vince Chewning

2. Introductions of new board members

x Treasurer's report – Adelina Mart

- No changes from November

3. Crime report – Ed Slade

- NYE was insane – brawl at Sarah & Manchester, a few destructions of personal property
- Reviewed crime numbers – Aggravated assaults are up
- Cameras have been a deterrent. Extra coverage on Manchester.
- **Question:** What happened with the 45xx Manchester fire?

Ron Coleman: The building is structurally damaged. It was not intentional; there were homeless individuals attempting to keep warm.

Ed Slade: If you see abandoned buildings that are open or have suspicious persons coming and going, report it.

Question: Do the crime numbers show “Grove” numbers vs neighborhood breakdowns?

Ed Slade: Not this report.

Other: There is a report available that shows the breakdown of the type of crime/location available at www.forestparksoutheast.com

4. Neighborhood update – Ron Coleman

- Reminder: no plastic bags in recycling dumpsters. Anything in bags will be thrown into the trash.
- Refuse is now removing the brush accumulating near dumpsters.
- Approximately 1 new trash truck per month, currently going to North STL
- Sidewalks that are on 50/50 program and have a signed contract should be completed this month in the 17th Ward.
- More security cameras are being installed. No active “watch” - reviews of tapes will be made if a crime is committed.
- AirBnB complaints are up. All units are required to have annual occupancy inspections. Loud parties, drug activity, illegal gambling, etc. by AirBnB occupants – report to Ron Coleman.
- STL Development Committee town hall meeting is February 12 at 6:30p at the LaunchCode Mentor Center at 4811 Delmar.
- **Question:** What evidence is needed when reporting dumping?
- *Ron Coleman:* A witness that is willing to testify in housing court or a video showing the individual or vehicle. The City is writing summons for early (3A) trash pickups by private services.
- **Question:** The Neighborhood Stabilization Teams and housing court – how does that work Does it solve anything?

- *Ron Coleman*: I will show up to court to give info or be the liaison if a community member is not comfortable testifying. (Additional discussion regarding building issues/violations vs behavioral issues in the neighborhood.)
- *Vince Chewing*: We will have more time at the end of the meeting to discuss.

5. Metro Presentation and Q&A – Jessica ??, long-range planner @ Metro

- “Metro Reimagined” is a new vision for public mobility in STL
- Explanation of why the change is happening
- Bus service will change, not train service
- FPSE proposed route changes were discussed
- Accessibility issues are being addressed. Contact Metro if you have concerns.
- **Question**: Does Metro staff actually ride the routes and ask current riders about their needs?
- (Discussion of need for more coverage on Tower Grove; Adams School and Daycare further walk to Boyle; West side has more elderly residents – walking an extra block may be prohibitive.)
- **Question**: Why bus stop on Boyle?
- *Jessica*: It’s a more direct trip, there is not the roundabout, it goes from here directly to Cortex. (Discussion)
- **Question**: What about cleaning up bus stops?
- *Jessica*: We have an “Adopt a Stop” program. There are also federal funds for ADA compliance. Working to make stops safe spaces.

6. Neighborhood Feedback Session – Vince facilitator

- *Vince*: As the new board, looking for input from neighborhood on what they’re excited about and what they’re concerned about.
- *Input*: Would like to know how to find out up-to-date information about neighborhood development. (Discussion regarding information available through the FPSE Development Committee.)
- *Input*: Abdul from Park Central announced that PC has received a \$30K grant with resources for residents for critical services. (Much discussion regarding the grant money used for FPSE residents vs administrative costs, neighborhood gentrification, etc.)
- *Input*: Park Central Gala will be in April. Residents interested in attending should contact Park Central for more information.
- *Input*: Friends of Adams School is looking for volunteers for yard signs that promote the school.
- *Input*: Stacy from Gateway EITC announced that they are looking for volunteers for the free tax preparation service. Handouts were available with services available to residents. Also mentioned that a community garden is starting at Wichita and Kingshighway.

7. Meeting adjourned at 7:50p. Motion by Dan Scott, seconded by Vince Chewning.