



FOREST PARK SOUTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
**MARCH MINUTES**

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19 MARCH 2019 / 6:45 PM / Adam's Park Boy's and Girl's Club

**Note:** Core @ Newstead Project Update (*Chris Hulse*)

- *Chris was unable to attend this month's meeting and we are tentatively planning to have him speak in April.*

## MINUTES

**6:45 - 6:50 pm** Meeting Called to order (*Vincent Chewning*)

**6:51 - 6:52 pm** Call for Nominations: Member-At-Large (*Vincent Chewning*)

- Tom Charlieville nominated and vote to elect him as MAL will be held in April.

**6:52 - 6:53 pm** Treasurer's Report (*Adelina Mart*)

- \$90 came in from membership dues from February
- \$71 to update and transfer hosting of the website
- Net of \$19 from previous month

**6:53 - 7:01 pm** Crime Report (*Ed Slade*)

- Car break-ins are up (10-12 over compared to last year); notes that the break-ins have been via broken windows and pried doors
  - Break-ins have been scattered throughout the neighborhood and throughout the week
  - Nobody has been apprehended and no suspects as of yet
- Shotspotter device setup at Newstead and Gibson: Was placed after calls were made for shots fired; has listening devices and cameras for surveillance; monitored 24/7; no word yet if the shotspotter has collected anything incriminating
  - Ed notes that call for shots fired is not in the March crime report because there was no evidence criminal activity

**7:01 - 7:11 pm** Neighborhood Assistance Committee (*Dan Scott*)

- The Neighborhood Assistance Committee is a proposed committee that will assist and support residents with a process of integration, understanding and cooperation for home repair needs. [Details of the drafted charter can be found here.](#)



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- The Neighborhood Assistance Committee (NAC), and any sub-committee proposed, is voted upon by the Neighborhood Association Board for approval or rejection. At February's association meeting, Dan Scott proposed the idea of the Committee. In today's meeting, Mr. Scott provided more Committee details in the form of a proposed charter, in which he shared with the General Membership. NAC was not put to a vote this month, has not yet been approved by the Board, and will only come to a vote when the Board feels General Membership questions have been answered and a final charter has been presented.

### 7:11 – 7:30 pm Neighborhood Update (*17th Ward Alderman Joe Roddy*)

- [Chouteau and Grand development](#) (Midtown) and connection via the [Chouteau Greenway](#) (Cortex) provides density and improved transit-oriented development in the neighborhood and surrounding areas.
- Alderman Roddy encourages residents read up on the [Better Together City-County merger plan](#).
- Drury Development at Kingshighway and Highway 40:
  - [A six-family at 4559 Oakland Avenue is coming down thanks to demolition by neglect](#). Drury Development Corporation and Charles Drury own it and 27 other properties in the neighborhood. Drury planned a hotel at the northwest corner of the neighborhood 10 years ago. It bought options for properties then bought them outright- 15 of them in 2014.
  - In 2008, a Drury [proposal for two ~20 story hotel towers](#) became known. many resident opposed.
  - MoDot owned a portion of this property from during the construction new interchange. Property was eventually sold to BJC/WashU and Drury.
  - Alderman Roddy notes that Forest Park Southeast has a formed-based code to regulate use of land, density, and design of new structures of any new development, including any Drury proposal. Development proposal must first be presented to the Forest Park Southeast Development Committee, in which residents can voice their concerns or support for the development, and in which the Committee will come back to the developer with requirements they must meet.



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- Question from the General Membership: Possible lawsuit against Drury for allow buildings to decay?
  - Roddy: Joe notes that this has been done by the Shaw neighborhood in which a lawsuit was resident-initiated.
- Question from the General Membership: Does BJC/WashU have control on who they give their property to?
  - Roddy: Yes - BJC/WashU felt that Drury's proposal was the best option.
- How will Drury be held accountable for their deconstruction activity? (Bricks, debris in the neighborhood)
  - Ron Coleman will provide direct answers and speak to the crew on the site first thing in the morning (March 20, 2019).
  - General Membership requests more Washington University Redevelopment Corporation stakeholders to attend future Neighborhood Association meetings and a request was made to Joe Roddy to put more pressure on developers to be more transparent as RFPs become available.
- Old Manchester Market update: No plans currently, but as soon as plans are brought forward, they will go to the FPSE Development Committee.

**7:55 - 7:57 pm** Community Announcements (*Community*)

- FPSE is currently updating its website, forestparksoutheast.com. Expect down time. The Board hopes to have the website updated soon and in stages, but it could take some time. The Board will share all important updates via Facebook, Next Door, and email. Please reach out if you have any questions.
- Better Together will present at a future date.
- Call for volunteers for IndiHop. Contact the Board if interested!  
forestparksoutheast@gmail.com

**7:55 - 8:00 PM** Adjournment (*Vincent Chewing*)

## FPSE Events:

**Community Trash Clean-up:** TBD

**Indihop:** June 1, 2019



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**Forest Park Southeast Ice Cream Social/Pizza Slice-Off:** June 8, 2019

**National Night Out:** August 6, 2019

**Grovefest:** October 5, 2019

**Forest Park Southeast Halloween Carnival:** October 26, 2019

**Events in The Grove:** [calendar.thegrovestl.com](http://calendar.thegrovestl.com)

### **Additional FPSE Organization Meetings:**

**Grove CID :** 2nd Monday of every month @ 11:00AM at the PCD Office

**FPSE Development Committee:** 4th Tues. of the month @ 5:30PM at the PCD Office

**FPSE Infrastructure Committee:** 2/26 @ 6:00PM at the PCD Office

# DRAFT

## *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**