



FOREST PARK SOUTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
FEBRUARY MINUTES

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

## MINUTES

**6:45 - 6:46 pm** Meeting Called to order(Vincent Chewning)

- *Call to order*

**6:46 - 6:50 pm** Treasurer's Report (Adelina Mart)

- *Call to pay dues*
- *Nothing new on the treasurer's report*

**6:50 - 7:00 pm** Crime Report (Ed Slade)

- *Increase in auto thefts*
  - *4100 block of Manchester*
  - *4500 block of Arco*
  - *4300 block of Swan*
  - *Thefts were "straight steals, some with keys in the ignition"*
  - *Didn't see much of this last year*
  - *Thefts are driving larceny numbers up*
- *Most of the reports taken are accidents; 7:1 accidents to crime ratio*
- *Sunday (2/16): Robbery at the Subway on Kingshighway*
- *Regarding patrols:*
  - *Work from the top of the hour and staggered*
  - *Day-watch starts at 7:00am*
  - *Neighborhood is cut into two beats; with two different cars*
    - *Cars aren't always in the neighborhood*
  - *Nightwatch: usually runs short on manpower*
  - *Overtime allocated when needed (leads, hot spots)*
  - *Secondary assigned (The City's Finest Service) usually stay on the perimeter*
- *Slade encourages calls on suspicious activity (has to do with person or vehicle) to help out*
  - *You can email Slade for other things*

**7:00 - 7:20 pm** Civil Rights Enforcement Agency (CREA) (Charles Bryson)

- *CREA investigates complaints of discrimination in the areas of housing, employment and public accomodation and follows up with a ruling and a settlement or files lawsuits*
  - *Incident must occur in the city*
  - *Fair Housing- They investigate claims of discrimination when applying for renting, buying or securing financing for a home*
    - *Race, color, sex, religion, ancestry, familial status, gender identity or expression, and legal source of income*
  - *Member had a question about domestic violence becoming a nuisance issue. Bryson's response: CREA is only an enforcement agency; tenant can come to CREA with a claim, and CREA will remind the property owner/landlord of housing policy and to evaluate each applicant/tenant the same*



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Call CREA for questions and assistance: 314-622-3301  
Address: 1114 Market Street, Suite 626, Saint Louis, MO 63101  
Website: [stlouis-mo.gov/civil-rights](http://stlouis-mo.gov/civil-rights)  
Email: [crea@stlouis-mo.gov](mailto:crea@stlouis-mo.gov)

**7:20 - 7:25 pm** Community Assistance Committee (*Dan Scott*)

- A committee has been formed to address neighborhood housing disparities with home repair help
- They plan to help homeowners who own modest homes with home repair, neighborhood homeowner stabilization, and code repair resources
- Applicants will be identified on walking tours and personal reach-out
- Next meeting there will be charter presented and there will be a general membership discussion to create the committee
- If interested, contact Dan Scott

**7:25 - 7:43 pm** FPSE Development Committee Update (*Mark Mangapora*)

- Committee hasn't met since November
- Mangapora reminded members that the neighborhood has a formed-based code for developers to follow
- Mangapora shared the largest commercial projects that have been presented to the committee:
  - Apartments at 4215 Arco
  - Raising Canes at Vandeventer and 64
  - Beast Craft BBQ at 4156 Manchester
  - Three Story, Seven Unit Apartment Building with a storefront at 4475 Chouteau
  - Ronald McDonald House at 4321 Chouteau (currently on hold by preservation board to address concerns about existing church on the property)
  - New construction to add onto Everest Cafe with micro-units up top at 4143 Manchester
  - New restaurant proposal at 4370 Manchester
  - WashU project for office renovations and demolition for a parking lot at 1234 South Kingshighway (Swan and Kingshighway)
  - Renovation and addition for an event space - "Dogwood in the Grove" at 4308 Manchester
  - Seven story building for apartments, retail and underground parking at 4101 Manchester
- Member spoke out about a recent ad in the local paper mentioning gentrification and using expensive housing for rentals that have been tax abatement; asked for members to call and to write to the paper

**7:43 - 7:56 pm** Community Announcements (*Community*)

- Jes at Washington University Medical Center Redevelopment Corporation
  - WashUMCRC will help with National Night Out
  - Host monthly Happy Hours to raise money; Next up: March 6 from 5 - 7 for National Night Out event in August



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- In early Spring the planters that are located on Chouteau and Vandeventer will be removed because they've reached their lifespan
- Per a general member: Properties at 4577 and 4579, 4581 Gibson were sold to Drury on January 31, 2019 and were told that Barnes Jewish will enter long-term lease; early proposal to build a hotel, but Drury does not have a design for the hotel; the hospital said Drury must get approval from the city and the neighborhood before proceeding.
  - Member question: How can the community have input in this process, and the process itself?
    - There will be a community engagement process
  - Request to get information on the process itself for the next meeting
  - Ron Coleman: Drury will talk to the community before going to the drawing board
- General member announcement: Gibson Avenue has been renamed to Bob Gibson Way, and the next step is to have a dedication this Spring with the St. Louis Cardinals. Postal service will still use Gibson Avenue.
- General member announcement: Petition for the sale of the airport is at the back of the room.

**7:56 - 7:57 PM** Adjournment (Vincent Chewing)