

Agenda February, 2009

For those of you who weren't able to make it here's what we discussed:

- Oakland Closure: Oakland has been legislatively closed. That being said we do not have a time table as to when the closure will be completed. The Oakland Closure did not make it on the FPSE Infrastructure Committees Priority list for Fiscal Year 2010. At this point its an issue of money and how much is going to be available for this project.

- Chouteau Park: This is a go. The first planning meeting is on Thursday. As I said in a previous e-mail the initial meetings are going to consist of the original committee members. Later on in the planning process there will be meetings that are open to the public. I will be at the meeting on Thursday so I will, hopefully, have more information then.

- Median at Chouteau and Taylor: This did make it on the Priorities list so plan to see this taken care of "by the time the leaves fall in the fall."

- Condos at Chouteau and Taylor: Still on schedule for this Spring; keep in mind that the current economic ridiculousness is having an effect on how quickly this is going to get underway.

- Drury update: see attached memo.

- Drury Survey results: Disclaimer - some of these votes may have been counted twice and we weren't able to get the ballots (if any) that were dropped off at La Dolce Via -
9.5 votes for Community Development (dog park, playground etc)
5 votes for Undeveloped green space
2.5 votes for the hotel
2 votes for different community venture

I want to remind everyone that the parcel of land this survey was referring to belongs to MoDot and is not going to be return to Forest Park as some had hoped. MoDot will sell this land and will most likely sell it to the highest bidder. Just something to think about.

- St. Louis Language Immersion School - There will be two new language immersion charter schools in our area one French and one Spanish. For more information please visit: www.sllis.org or www.sllis.wordpress.com

- State of the Neighborhood Address: My goal during my term as GHNA President will be to create and put into action a plan to help us clean up our neighborhood. For too long now we have watched as our neighbors get robbed outside of their houses, for too lone now have we watched as our street corners and alleys have been turned into dope markets, we have a problem and it is time that we fix it. Over the next few months we will meet and discuss how we can fix this problem, what resources are available to us, and where we will go from here. For our next meeting come prepared with ideas to share.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!!