

G.H.N.A. Meeting Minutes 11/20/12

I. General Business

a. Special Business District Property Tax/Dan Krasnoff

i. Public hearing held on 11/20/12

1. April vote by all property owners
2. The city cannot provide the level of services FPSE needs
3. If passed, will provide extra police patrols and neighborhood improvements
4. PCD supports this proposal
5. Word press site will provide more details and a summary of public meetings on this proposal (coming soon)
6. Already implemented and successful in C.W.E. and Tower Grove South

b. Infrastructure Committee

i. Working on new bike lanes and signs, and money for sidewalks and pathways in Chouteau Park green space

1. Committee meets monthly and anyone interested in joining the committee should contact Dan Krasnoff at dan@parkcentraldevelopment.org

ii. News:

1. Chouteau apartments

- a. In phase one of construction (first 100 units)
- b. Phase two will take about 9-12 months
- c. Apartment residents will have adequate parking so as not to impact FPSE resident's
- d. Target market is medical center employees

2. Laclede Gas Building

- a. Not being moved or demolished
- b. Developer has purchased but unknown future plan at this time

II. Presentation/Alderman Roddy

a. News:

- i. Mercedes dealership slated to go in at Hampton and Oakland
- ii. Whole Foods in C.W.E.

b. Cortex Town Hall Meeting

- i. Traffic: proposed interchange at Tower Grove to relieve some congestion on Kingshighway
- ii. New Metrolink stop at Boyle
- iii. Plan has been released for second phase at Clayton and Boyle streets
 1. Three block greenway from Clayton to Forest Park Avenue
- iv. 180 million dollar investment will create estimated 1,500 new jobs and may create additional retail opportunities
- v. Current city zoning code over 50 years old

c. "Sustainable" Plan

- i. Much better than current zoning code
- ii. Target uses and target density requirements
- iii. Will address parking concerns, where to put Dog Park, etc.
- iv. Creates a level of certainty for property owners and future investors

- d. Reduction of Alderman
 - i. Timetable for changes will be gradual
 - ii. No specific information on implementation yet or which Alderman will remain in office
- III. Presentation/Ron Coleman
 - a. News:
 - i. 4300 Gibson block issues
 - 1. Hearing to close problem property
 - 2. Will be much quieter block now thanks to resident action
 - ii. Trash pickup issues
 - 1. Call next day-not same day, trash service sometimes delayed
 - 2. Call C.S.B. with issues at 314-622-4800
 - iii. Be a “marketer” for FPSE
 - 1. Talk up our neighborhood
 - 2. Encourage people to visit, shop, play and move here
 - iv. If you don’t know Ron Coleman yet, introduce yourself to him
- IV. Halloween Discussion
 - a. Starting next year, more neighborhood coordination and involvement
 - b. 4500 block of Gibson had over 100 kids while other streets had none
 - c. Committee will be started next summer to facilitate this
- V. Block Captain & Neighborhood Ownership Model (NOM) Programs
 - a. Some streets still don’t have them in FPSE
 - b. Still need volunteers
 - c. Interested parties should contact Gelinda Connell at PCD
 - d. Monthly meetings at PCD at 6pm
- VI. Neighborhood Issues
 - a. Traffic on Taylor
 - i. Cobblestone strips cost?
 - ii. Neighborhood priorities and allocation of money is decided by Infrastructure committee
 - b. M & N Supermarket on Manchester
 - i. Set to open or already open
- VII. Wash U Students Presentation
 - a. “Welcome Packet” for new residents
 - i. Will be available online and at various locations
 - b. Asking for resident comments and would like to talk to more people in the neighborhood
 - i. Want to highlight business directory and things unique to FPSE
 - ii. Will present results of packet on December 11 (details to be announced)
 - 1. Must RSVP
 - c. Resident comments:
 - i. You CAN raise kids in FPSE
 - ii. Manchester Market still needs work, dusty cans, suspicious individuals outside
 - iii. Need to mention schools that serve our area

- iv. Showcase neighborhood arts
- v. Walkability of neighborhood-walk scores
- vi. Everything is possible within a five minute walk!
- d. Additional resident comments can be mailed/given to Stacy B. at 4444 Gibson

VIII. Community Garden One

- a. 4330-32 Chouteau
 - i. Julie Birkenmaier is contact person at birkenjm@slu.edu
- b. Recruiting interested gardeners for next year
 - i. Soil ready, easy gardening with raised beds and four bays
- c. Unfortunately suffered vandalism last year but with help from police, garden is prospering

IX. Community Garden Two

- a. Originally by FPSE Community Council (now disbanded)
- b. On L.R.A. property at corner of Gibson and Tower Grove
 - i. Five year lease expires in one year
 - ii. Now done by Alan Rowlson and he could use some help!
 - 1. Contact him at 314-371-4392, AlanDeanRowlson@gmail.com or in person at 4343 Gibson

X. Final Notes:

- a. Last meeting of 2012
- b. January will bring changes
 - i. Name change of organization
 - ii. Election of new board members
 - iii. Organization of new committees