

Gibson Heights Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2013

Present: President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer

Next meeting: March 19, 2013 at Adams Community Center, 7:00 PM

I. Announcements

- A. Organization name change vote will be taken at next meeting, must be present to vote
 - a. Proposed names:
 - i. Forest Park SE Neighborhood Association
 - ii. The Grove Neighborhood Association
 - iii. Gibson Heights Neighborhood Association
 - b. A tally of votes will be taken at meeting and a simple majority will determine winner
- B. Boardmember Elections
 - a. One year commitment
 - b. All positions up for renewal
 - c. Interested persons should speak with current President, Stacy Brinkley, either in person, by email or by phone by March 12, 2013, so they can be added to ballot
 - d. New boardmembers will be determined at the next meeting, and be sworn in.
- C. Change of meeting location
 - a. All future meetings will be held at Adams Community Center on Vista from 7-8 PM, third Tuesday of each month

II. Discussion

- A. Austin of Grove Properties is trying to obtain historical photos of Forest Park SE neighborhood
- B. La Dolce Via
 - a. Site interest?
 - b. New tenant?
- C. Townhomes
 - a. New construction at corner of Chouteau and Tower Grove
 - b. 6 residences, 2 buildings, 3 stories each
 - i. For rent, \$1200 1 bed, \$1400 2 bed
 - ii. Ready September of 2013
- D. Aventura Development
 - a. Residents on Chouteau and surrounding streets unhappy
 - i. Façade of development doesn't match neighborhood
 - ii. Visitor parking?
 - iii. How will this further impact homeowners parking on Chouteau?

III. Speakers

- A. Rebecca (Shalom House) Rebecca@shalomhousestl.org
 - a. Neighborhood Non-profit that helps women and children
 - b. April 28th, 2013 "Faith In Action" day
 - i. Partnership with United Methodist Church of West County

- B. Beth Elders (United Methodist Church)
 - a. April 28th, 2013 "Faith in Action" day
 - i. Congregation's "Day of Service"
 - ii. 4 communities chosen and FPSE is one
 - iii. 300-400 total volunteers will be needed from 8:30 AM- 1PM
 - 1. Skilled or general labor
 - iv. This will make a huge difference in community
 - b. There will be continuing service opportunities available to sign up for later if interested, with a variety of tasks
 - c. A list has been compiled of needs in the neighborhood and Rainbow Park is on list
 - d. Be a community force in the neighborhood and see the difference one day can make!
- C. Julie Birkenmaier (Chouteau Garden) [Birkenjm@slu.edu](mailto:birkenjm@slu.edu)
 - a. One of our community gardens is looking for volunteers!
 - b. 2013 will be a very exciting year, with new additions to the garden, including a locked gate and verigation installed.
 - c. Interested person should contact Julie.
 - d. More info will be on community website.
- D. Rob (Manager, Joyia Restaurant)
 - a. Joyia is here to stay!
 - b. They are really interested in working with our community, fundraising and getting involved
 - c. They went door-to-door with flyers to get community support for their liquor license
 - d. They will be offering specials after the monthly community meeting
 - i. \$2 domestic bottles
 - ii. \$2 sangria
 - iii. \$2 well drinks
 - e. All residents should make an effort to check out Joyia
- E. Shannon Martinis (FPSE Dog Park Committee) ShannonBoccolatti@gmail.com
 - a. Indi-hop event, Saturday, June 1st, 2013
 - i. A minimum of 25 volunteers are needed
 - ii. 11- 5:30 PM
 - iii. Indi-hop committee will donate 1k to Dog Park
 - iv. Please contact Shannon if interested
- F. Chris (Park Central Development)
 - a. Infrastructure Committee
 - i. Trees will be planted this spring in Chouteau Park
 - 1. Option to have donor name placed in park for \$ donation
 - 2. Local community tree planting day?
 - ii. All intersections will be striped with Crossbar/crosswalk
 - iii. Restriping for angled parking closer to commercial district
 - iv. Street markers
 - v. Barrier at Oakland and Kingshighway
 - vi. Pedestrian lighting on existing overhead poles
 - vii. Major residential rehab south of Manchester
 - viii. Coffee shop suggested for 4180 Manchester
 - b. Adoption of local architectural standards

- i. Would dictate new construction planning
 - 1. Including design, façade, height min/max
 - ii. Currently FPSE has none
 - 1. We are a national historic district, not local
 - iii. To adopt local standards, ordinance must be passed by Alderman
 - iv. Builders not accepting govt subsidies can do whatever they want
 - v. Community groups need to work together with local residents to determine these standards, not outside groups
- G. Ron Coleman (Neighborhood Stabilization Officer)
 - a. Tree trimming will be done in early Spring
 - i. Residents wanting trees planted should contact Alderman Roddy
 - ii. Grants are available
 - b. Yard waste pickup this week- Thursday
 - c. Bulk item week
 - d. NSO getting to know all large scale rental companies in community
 - i. Develop better relationship and communication
 - e. Vacant properties
 - i. Still an issue
 - 1. Not properly boarded up
 - 2. Someone living in them
 - 3. Only required to have basement and first floor boarded up
 - 4. Fee is \$200 per building every 6 months
 - 5. K2 has been cited and fined repeatedly
 - f. Stone slabs and trash cans have been removed that Dan Scott put out