



# FOREST PARK SOUTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## MAY 2022 MINUTES

17 May 2022 / 6:45 PM / Missouri Foundation for Health & Zoom

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**6:49** Meeting Called to order (*Dan Doelling*)

#### FPSE Neighborhood Business

#### **Ward 17 Updates (*Alderwoman Pihl*)**

- Lux Living development on Kingshighway
  - Presenting their development on Kingshighway to The Preservation Board on June 27th at 4:00pm ([Preservation Board Monthly Meeting | City of St. Louis Calendar \(stlouis-mo.gov\)](#))
    - Alderwoman Pihl noted two variances the development is pursuing as a result of redesigning the development entrance from Kingshighway
    - This meeting is the time and place to voice any concern. Commenters need to register ahead of time
    - A community member asked if Alderwoman Pihl would back up the community's opposition for this development
  - A third community meeting to be held prior to this presentation to review design changes to address community comments. Lux or their architect will present the proposed design.
    - These changes will require multiple variances
      - Setback (smaller than 25') from Level 03 and above
      - Entry from Kingshighway (maneuvering truck access)
    - A community member asked for more information about parking
- Koplars development at Kingshighway and Lindel (The Albion)
  - Successfully received sales tax exemptions for the ~\$100M luxury residential development after two community engagement meetings (estimated \$3M in savings)
- Kingshighway Traffic studies will continue, including Lindel to McCree
  - Studies for safety and speed problems along this corridor
  - A community member noted that Future 64 is also looking at this area for their study
- Alderwoman Pihl noted restriping is to be done at the intersection of Kingshighway & Forest Park Parkway and Kingshighway & Lindel
- The 17th Ward Public Safety Committee met last week



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- The Alderwoman encouraged attendance at the next meeting from FPSE
- The Alderwoman met with residents of the Parkview Apartments to review a Public Health Initiative
- Community members can sign up for the Alderwoman's email list to receive her 17th Ward Annual Report ([Tina "Sweet-T" Pihl, Alderwoman of St Louis' 17th Ward \(tinasweettpihl.com\)](#))
- The June 17th Ward Meeting will be 06/08 at 6:30
- June Office Hours will be June 14th at Northwest Coffee at 5:30
- Infrastructure Committee (Allen Levin)
  - Allen introduced the Infrastructure Committee reboot
  - Kelly Harris and Allen Levin to chair
    - Thus far there have been 9 applications for membership and all have been accepted
    - Allen called for additional applicants to increase representation:
      - East of Boyle
      - African American
      - Non-White
      - Non-Male
      - Kings Oak
    - Interested community members can apply with the link below:
      - <https://bit.ly/fpseic>
  - First scheduled meeting to be held in June (16th or 28th)

### **Treasurer's Report (*Rachel Siegert*)**

- Rachel shared last month's treasurer's report
- Current operating balance is \$1,776.48
- Community members can donate via Cash App ([Pay \\$FPSENA on Cash App](#)) or email [forestparksoutheast@gmail.com](mailto:forestparksoutheast@gmail.com)

### **Community News and Updates (*Dan Doelling & JC Fick*)**

- Free Seasonal Maintenance is available for Seniors in the neighborhood. Residents can email [nbrown@pcd-stl.com](mailto:nbrown@pcd-stl.com) for more information
- Upcoming Events



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- Clean up this Saturday! Focused on Kings Oak, Meet at Manchester and Newstead at 10:00am
- Flowering Event this Sunday! Meet at Oakland and Newstead at 10:00am
- Future 64 Public Engagement Meeting will be held on May 18th at The City Foundry Food Hall at 4:00pm
- Tower Grove-Cortex Connector is calling for artwork from neighborhood residents. Those interested can attend the information session on June 3rd at Rockwell Beer Co. at 3:00pm

### **Public Safety & Public Safety Committee Discussion (*Dan Doelling*)**

- Dan introduced a community discussion on the recent increase in crime and public safety to understand how we can build a public safety committee to create a more welcoming neighborhood for all.
- The discussion continued with key questions:
  - Community members answered the question ‘What is safety to you?’ with;
    - ‘Being able to walk my dog at night and not feel like someone can attack me’
    - ‘Knowing my neighbors’
    - ‘Walking across the street without being hit by a car’
    - A community member recalled having a block-wide phone number list communications at the block level
    - Dan noted the board’s hope to bolster the Block Captain program
  - When asked ‘Where do you feel safest? Least Safe?’ community members shared;
    - ‘Dark alleys’
  - Community members answered ‘What safety can be improved? with’;
    - ‘Young people carrying guns’
    - ‘Speed bumps or something to slow people down coming out of alleys’ (or reflector mirrors)
  - ‘Where have you seen crime happen?’ was answered with;
    - ‘It’s everywhere, alley-ways, streets’



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- A community member shared multiple stories of unsafe experiences in the neighborhood, ultimately observing that communication with law-enforcement needs to be improved and supported.
- ‘Communication is where to start’
- ‘Streets that have trees...are generally safer’
- A community member noted continued concerns on the south side of Manchester with the Green Street developments depleting the surrounding infrastructure and community
- Officer Walker encouraged community members to reach out concerning anything related to crime and safety. She can be reached at 444-0107. [ncwalker@slmpd.org](mailto:ncwalker@slmpd.org)
  - She also noted that a SLMPD Community Event is being held Sat May 21st 11am to 4pm at Gravois & Bamberger Plaza. Detectives from Homicide, Nuisance Property Officer, Juvenile Det. Traffic Officer, 2nd District Detectives and Officers, Canine Officers, the Cadet/Explorer Program will be there.

### FOREST PARK SOUTHEAST EVENTS:

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

### ADDITIONAL FOREST PARK SOUTHEAST ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS:

**Grove CID :** 2nd Monday of every month @ 11:00AM via Zoom