



16 MAY 2023 / 6:45 PM / Zoom & Missouri Foundation for Health

AGENDA

Introduction & Meeting Ground Rules (Aaron Bisch)

FPSE Neighborhood Business

Crime and Safety Report (Lieutenant Dan)

- Auto related crimes are most prevalent.
 - There will be a decrease in auto thefts, but only because compared to a year ago (not 2-3 years ago when problems began).
 - When problems started, there was significant opportunity for auto related crimes. Now availability is reduced (less Kias, clubs).
 - Result is other types of crimes may happen more often:
 - Cars left running at gas stations.
 - Unlocked cars at gas stations.
 - Please get in mindset for preventative car theft
 - Park in the garage (if possible), under lights, etc.
- Other crimes:
 - Vacant properties / projects under construction being burglarized.
 - Garage burglaries are down.
- Response problems with 911
 - It is frustrating but stay online if possible.
 - Do not confront suspicious individuals - many are armed.
- Question: have clubs been effective against auto thefts?
 - Every measure helps reduce chances of theft - probably by 95%
 - Clubs are effective but have seen a few of them cut (5-6 times).
 - Starting to see more broken windows - ideal not to leave anything that might look valuable in a vehicle.
- Question: other ways than 911 to submit information to police?
 - Working on it. Preponderance of video evidence is relatively new. Trying to work on email options. Please keep video evidence - most times detectives will be able to use it later.
- Question: what to do if you see cars with expired temp tags?
 - Unfortunately, it is not a high priority compared to more serious crime - do not make a call to 911 if you see this.
- Question: back in the 90s there was a campaign to leave porch lights on. Did that make a difference?
 - Absolutely - very effective at deterring crime.



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Ward Updates (Michael Browning, Alderman)

- Board of Aldermen are working to increase public safety
 - New traffic cameras - working around constitutionality issue
 - Consolidated 911 center (fire, policies, EMS all currently all in different places)
- Transportation and Commerce committee
 - Upgrades to Lambert Airport are coming.
- Focused on collecting data on dead trees in the neighborhood.
 - Please submit issues to the Citizens Service Bureau.
 - If submitted, please contact Michael and he will follow up.
- Question: is there a plan to add lighting to dark alleys?
 - Looking at costs for additional pedestrian lighting (ward capital)
 - Please report burned out cobra head streetlights to the CSB
 - Please report burned out alley lights to Ameren.
- Questions: Cars speeding on Chouteau Ave, Boyle Ave & Vandeventer - add speed trap cameras?
 - Can look to discourage speeding with street improvements such as speed humps, bump outs. Open to exploring other options.
- Comment: homeless are people camping on the north side of Chouteau Park (other side of fence - MoDot property).
 - Will investigate and send out people (city human services) for a welfare check.
 - Ron Coleman is aware of the situation and working with the Dept. of Human Services.
- Question: do you have extra staff with only 14 aldermen?
 - Each alderperson will have 1 legislative assistant.
 - Applications are still open. \$55K/year. (intensive job).
- New charter commission:
 - Applications open until June 6th.
 - Reach out to Michael if interested - will recommend 3 people from ward to Mayor.
- Question: doing anything about short term rentals?
 - B of A is looking at an ordinance to regulate short-term rentals.
 - The planning commission updated the city code to define short-term rentals.
 - They will most likely be regulated rather than outright banned.
 - Intention is to make it easy for the city to respond to issues and easily remove the ability to rent a property as a short-term rental if there is a problem.



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- o Follow up comment: some cities force owners to live on or adjacent to premises of short-term rentals.
- o Michael wants to mandate neighbor notification of short-term rentals.

Neighborhood Update (Ron Coleman, Neighborhood Improvement Specialist)

- Residential Parking district
 - o Application will move forward in the first week of June.
 - o Should not be getting tickets - contact Ron if you get a ticket.
- Chouteau Park homeless camp
 - o Aware of the situation - trying to get them help.
 - o Working with neighborhood security initiative
- Please contact Ron about any lighting or dead trees in addition to Alderman Browning.

Treasurer's Report (Cammie Lewis, FPSE NA Treasurer)

- Revenue: \$510 in dues paid
- Pay dues via cashapp / check / cash - pay what you want, sliding scale
 - o Cannot take Venmo payments.

Community updates and news (Dan Doelling):

- Park Central "stay in place" program.
 - o <https://www.parkcentraldevelopment.org/services>
 - o Requires covid impact statement or qualifying member (seniors or below poverty line)
- Neighborhood cleanups
 - o Every 4th Saturday - May 27th will clean up Kings Oak
- Happy Hour
 - o June 15th @7pm at Urban Chestnut
 - o Meet neighbors and discuss issues!
- Massive mulching at Chouteau Ave & Newstead Ave
 - o Big thanks to Cammie
- De-volcano mulching
 - o Too much mulch around a tree can cause issues and trees can die.
 - o Wed June 7 @ 6pm - meet at Urban Chestnut
 - o Saving trees along Manchester
- Tree planting - Fall 2023 date TBD.
- Neighborhood Night Out - September 9th - location TBD - will be outside.
- Please join Event Committee
 - o Plan events, design flyers, hang flyers.



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Neighborhood open discussion, suggestions, experiences, and ideas:

- Trash and potholes in alley
 - Sewers collapse in alleys frequently creating sinkholes.
 - The city will cover collapsed sewers if located in an alley.
 - Encourage neighbors to pick up loose trash in alleys.
 - Report damaged dumpsters to CSB, Ron Coleman, or Alderman.
- Strategic locations for trash cans
 - Along Manchester Ave & Chouteau Park.
- Neighborhood education program in neighborhood to properly recycle.
 - Many bins get contaminated with non-recyclable items.
 - Only 30% is getting recycled due to contamination.
 - Please break down boxes and do not recycle plastic grocery bags.
- Resident walking experience
 - Adams school baseball field always looks to be unused.
 - Seldomly used by Adams school.
 - Start a kickball league?
 - There might be specific requirements for its use due to a Cardinals grant to fund a baseball field.
 - FPSENA would be good vehicle to approach Adams School (will have alderman's support)
- Put out trash cans in front of your house to supplement city trash cans.
 - Also, dog waste bags (can be grocery bags).
- Nice to have the option to walk to Metrolink for transportation (airport, downtown, etc.).
- Trees need more space to grow.
 - Depaving - removed parts of sidewalk to give trees space to grow.
 - Help alleviate shifting & raised sidewalks.
- Sidewalk is closed at Ronald McDonald house - not safe for walking.

ADDITIONAL FOREST PARK SOUTHEAST ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS:

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