



Southampton Neighborhood Association
General Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2016 7:00 p.m.
Southampton Presbyterian Church

Commencement: 7:00

Attendance: 126

1. **Renew memberships for 2016; pickup ballots**
 - a. T-Shirts, totes and stickers, prints from Onetime Supply, 4614 Macklind
2. Call to Order/Salute to Flag;
3. Secretary's Report (Den Polley)
 - a. accepted
4. Treasurer's Report (Tina Siebert for Matt Poldan)
 - a. History book down-payment
 - i. Took a vote for the expenditure
 - ii. 350 book need to be presold
 - b. Permission to do a \$5000 deposit and a \$3,000 expenditure--the motion passed
 - c. Each member of the History Book Committee agreed to give a \$200 donation
5. At-Large Reports (Tina Siebert, Jeff Hutchings)
 - a. Tina Siebert
 - i. Century plaques for homes over 100 years old are at the startup phase
 - ii. Other counties have these plaques, such as Webster Groves
 - iii. Will conduct pole to gauge SoHa level of interest
6. President's Report (Ron Coleman)
 - a. Community Directory will be delivered Saturday, keep it handy!
 - i. Great resource for shopping local
 - ii. Phone numbers in it
 - b. Marchnee Strong Piano Studio open 5400 S. Kingshighway
 - i. In the old Organic Grocery
 - ii. Has piano lessons
 - iii. Will be teaching kids
 - iv. Will do performances
 - c. Raising Cane's, Hampton Village, now open
 - i. Great neighborhood involvement
 - d. Cousin Paul's Tattoo Co., 4530 Hampton at Devonshire now open
 - i. Open for a couple of weeks as of this writing

- e. Touch of Gold, John Scire, 5400 Delor/Macklind, challenged the City in court, reached a settlement this month, still not compliant
 - i. Will be fined \$1,000 for every violation
 - ii. SNA is Working with NSO and city to pursue this

7. GUEST SPEAKERS

- a. Officers Vince Stehlin and Steve Wilson, Neighborhood Ownership Model Officers (444-0100) (5 minutes)
 - i. Steve Wilson
 - 1. Dist. 1 He is the liaison on quality of life
 - 2. Does a lot of derelict car work
 - 3. Crime stats look reasonable good, larcenies are the same as last year
- b. Mayor Francis Slay, Guest Speaker (20 minutes)
 - i. Mentioned Ron's good leadership
 - ii. SNA works well with aldermen, NSO and such
 - iii. NGA is moving and we kept them in St. Louis
 - iv. \$1.75 Billion investment in North St. Louis—June 3, 2016 will be the final decision—It looks good for St. Louis
 - v. Must clean site and demolish buildings, etc.
 - 1. Must be site ready
 - 2. Planning for Northside neighborhood development
 - 3. \$2.5 million in taxes to St. Louis
 - vi. The Earnings Tax is a must unless you have a plan to replace it
 - 1. Will be on ballot every 5 years
 - 2. Opponents of the Earning Tax spread a lot of bad information
 - 3. No one is exempt if you work and or live in the city
 - vii. Gun Legislation: Critical of gun policy in Missouri.
 - 1. St. Louis City has issues out-state MO. does not
 - 2. Most out-state politician are Republicans are pushing for more gun freedoms, way past what makes sense
 - 3. Bill in Jefferson City that would compromise the permit process for conceal and carry
 - 4. Want university staff to carry guns
 - 5. Mayor Slay wants no military weapons and much tighter control
 - 6. Dotson seized over 700 firearms in the City just this year
 - 7. Out-state politicians wants NRA support because they are linked to them via monetary support
 - 8. Ties hands of police officers
 - viii. Current site of the NGA is not yet decided regarding fate
 - ix. County\City merge is still kind of in hold due to fragmentation of the area and population and politics
 - 1. Merging would give us a much better profile
 - 2. Would improve our crime stats versus other cities with larger area and population
 - x. Heroin is causing issues with guns
 - xi. Gun docket—judges are considering this
 - xii. Money for police—will increase police via other means
 - xiii. Need at least 150 police and earn more money

- xiv. Budget for police has gone up 10s of millions of dollars
 - 1. Pensions and related items are eating up the budget
 - 2. Mayor has cut his staff in half, has cut 1000 jobs via attrition
 - 3. Police are controlled by state, but the city pays all the related bills
 - 4. Need to meet with police and work this pension situation out
 - 5. Pensions in the past two years have gone up to a point that 200 more police could have been hired
- xv. STL Public Schools are suing to get money back from the Charter schools to the tune of \$42,000,000—Mayor wants to what is best for the kids—The mayor generally supports Charter school and is upset about the lawsuit
- c. Tamara Keefe, Clementine’s Creamery, 4715 Macklind, opening this summer (2 minutes)
 - i. Introduced herself—excited to be in SoHa—
 - ii. Building is being demo-d and remodeled—engineer said walls won’t support new roof, so a new building is going up—she will provide pictures and updates
 - iii. 10 PM during the week and 11PM on weekend are the business closing time
- d. Donna Johnson/Zealous Williams, Ja Carib Jamaican Café/Lounge looking at 4423 S Kingshighway (2 minutes)
 - i. Thanked Ron for his support
 - ii. Initial moves to get things started
 - iii. Caribbean restaurant and bar based on the Caribbean
 - iv. Will market their business to folks 30 years old and above
 - v. Hours Tues.- Sat. 10 AM to 1 AM
 - vi. Jerked chicken, salads and wraps and Jamaican drinks
 - vii. Working on liquor license
 - viii. Neighbors are supportive
 - ix. Opening is depending on licenses and they hope to be open this year
- e. Ashley Clark, Golden Road Gifts, 4251 S. Kingshighway (2 minutes)
 - i. Not at meeting—reaches out to artists that make their own crafts
- f. Meredith Rataj, Site Director, St. Francis Community Services (2 minutes)
 - i. In St. John the Baptists site on Delor
 - ii. Works with immigrants
 - iii. Latino and Vietnamese are the groups they mainly work with
 - iv. Runs clinics and events/actions/after school activities to support these groups
 - v. Looking for volunteers
 - vi. See her brochures in the back
- g. Alderman Carol Howard -14th ward (2 minutes)
 - i. Majorette and Vin De Set groups are competing for ownership of the Bevo Mill
 - ii. Armory Kingshighway by St. Mary Magdalen has moved out and may turn over the property in the fall
 - iii. New grocery store going in by St. Vincent’s called Ruler
 - iv. Gravois is being reconfigured

- v. Businesses are supposed to clean up trash—money is not as plentiful for new trash cans and such
- h. Alderman Donna Baringer -16th ward (5 minutes)
 - i. Traffic Study update—
 - 1. CCB Engineering for Traffic Study, has all feedback and has looked at the situation—will see the engineers to start gathering data—goal is for meeting late in July to discuss finding and move forwards—
 - ii. Like it or not we have some crime issues—testing for crimes in the 16th wards—She went down with Joe Vaccaro to testify regarding the MetroLink beating—Bad news was that, due to defense lawyers trying to rush the proceedings, she was too late for the perp with priors—Good news is that in the 16th we will come after the perps to make sure they pay!--Defense lawyers are pushing to rush things so we can't get there in time to testify
 - i. Representative for Congressman Lacy Clay - 1st district (Steve Engelhardt) (2 minutes)
 - i. Something good won the NGA—3 years project to get this
 - 1. 1.75 billion will be spend
 - 2. 3100 jobs stay in St. Louis
 - 3. Near North Side will benefit and this is great
 - ii. Bills introduce regarding opiate addictions—Pushing for treatment of addicts—43,000 Americans died
 - iii. Bison named national mammal—162,000 of them are now back—American Indians are profiting from this and that is very good
 - iv. Overturning the NGA decision could happen, but is not likely and we should have good news in June, 2016
 - j. Other business owners or other guests present?
 - i. Soha Gallery is celebrating 5 year on June 17 and will have a party on that day.
- 8. Board Elections
 - a. Ballots to verified members
 - b. All board members gave their short speech as to why they are running. Everyone spoke of love of SNA, the SoHa neighborhood and city living—all very good!!!
 - Candidate introductions
 - i. Adam Wright
 - 1. 7 years a resident
 - 2. Has child in OLS
 - 3. Wants to be involved in the great area
 - 4. Chair of Safety and Security
 - 5. Bi-monthly safety meetings
 - 6. Wants to work with residents
 - 7. Wants to develop Kingshighway
 - 8. Wants to work with MBD
- Donna Agah
 - 1. Gave her background as a resident
 - 2. Wants to improve the area
 - 3. Wants to work on the traffic issues/study

- 4. Macklind presents challenges--parking
 - 5. Would like to see results on crime reductions
 - 6. Really pushed traffic study improvements
 - 7. Gave her business background
 - c. Typically like to have people volunteer as committee members or chairs then move up to elected positions,
 - d. Board unanimously recommends a vote for Adam Wright, president. See handout.
9. Ballots Due Vote Count: President - Adam Wright 109 / Donna Agah: 18
- a. Only the President position was contested.
 - b. Tina Siebert is the new Vice-President
10. Committee Reports (1 minute each)
- a. Safety and Security Report (Adam Wright, chair)
 - i. Car larcenies-
 - 1. park smart-don't leave stuff in your car—leave your porch lights on
 - ii. Safety meeting a few weeks ago-traffic improvements are in motions—some reckless drivers will be coming under pressure—call 911 is things don't look right-231-1212 call that number if it's not too terrible of a hot issue—Maintain your property—Do a neighborhood work day on your block—call Adam, email
 - b. Marketing Report (Erica Gillespie, chair)
 - i. Thank you to Natalie Gensits, past Marketing Chair
 - ii. Please welcome our new Marketing Chair Erica Gillespie
 - iii. Erica gave her introduction and offered her support
 - c. Newsletter Report (Jessica Ingraham)
 - i. Spring issue in the mail this week
 - ii. Brought great discipline to this position
 - d. Landscape Report (Michael Wohlstadter, chair)
 - i. Blitz cleanup April 2 went well, photos on Facebook
 - ii. Applying for more grants
 - e. History Book Committee (Den Polley, chair)
 - i. Reiterated how good the book is, now that it is complete
 - ii. Also stated that money is need to get it published
11. New Business & Announcements
- a. **Election Results:**
 - b. **SoHa Movie Night: The Goonies**, Friday, May 14, 6pm doors open, Southampton Church (Catering sponsored by Patrick's Handyman)
 - c. **Bulk pickup:** May 23 (4th Mondays, not last Monday); have items set out by 6am Monday away from dumpsters behind your property only
 - d. **Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 13, 7pm**
12. Adjournment: 8:50 PM

Position	Member	Contact Info	
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