

September 24, 2012

Roll Call: Present - Stacy Ross, Jan Hill, Beth Murphy, Brenda Smarko, Kendal Dauphin, Ted Disabato

Tara Jenney is stepping down as president; Election held and Stacy Ross elected new president; Kendal Dauphin elected new recording secretary

Guest Speaker Dennis Trask – St. Louis Public Schools Community Education Center Programs

Provided Flyer; Classes Available

Guest Speaker Stacy Reliford – American Cancer Society --Prop B: MO Tobacco Tax

Guest Speaker Martin Casas - Prop A: Local Control of Police

Officer Mike Mueller – Neighborhood Police Report

Chris Rumpsa has stepped down; New officer will be taking over

Crime is down; Rise in scooter thefts; New Ordinance on prostitution issue - continue to make arrests

11th Ward Alderman Tom Villa

Spoke on the Fireman's Pension and Mayor Slay's opposing views

Prop A/Prop B discussion

Prop A does not belong on statewide vote

Prostitution Bill – Lewis Reed put Villa's name on it; Villa does the news interviews; Broadway and Bates- Prostitution very visible here

Reduction in size of Board of Aldermen (Proposition R) – is not in favor of putting it on the ballot

13th Ward Alderman Fred Wessels

Ward reduction Issue (Proposition R) - in favor of putting it on the ballot

Question re: Aldermanic Courtesy –Wessels opinion this will not be affected by ward reduction

Many local and state wide items on the upcoming ballot

108th Dist. State Rep. Jake Hummel:

Legislature not currently in session; Next session in January

Religious Freedom Bill – Passed by one vote

Discussion on Prop B – tobacco tax - North Carolina used to be the lowest, now Missouri is

If Prop B passes does not mean that legislature will not take the money out of the budget and put it somewhere else - Our Public Schools rate near the bottom for this reason

Question re: Can issues like Prop A be put to rest- seems to be brought back again and again – No

11th Ward NSO Brian Kolde

Car Theft – get a Club for your car - Has them in the office for \$13; Cash only

Citizens Service Bureau: City's main source for basic city services – Provide address for things needed when you call; can call or go online

Nuisance Properties – Behavioral – Public Nuisance where they go after property owner; if there is an issue, call the police and provide the address. – Provided Flyer with information

Announcements:

Norb Butz, Marine Corps League: Upcoming Event – Marine Corps League in the old Grace Church

Ladies Auxiliary sponsoring a blood drive on 9/30

League will have an open house- literature to follow. Article in current newsletter about the league and its new home.

Tim Bolt, gardener: Community Garden at Arendes and Bates -Come and enjoy the garden; it is there for everyone's enjoyment; The garden now has water!

Decorative tile created by artist Bridget Flood available to purchase as fundraiser for the garden

Green spaces - There was a complaint and Parks Department is threatening to turn it to grass- remove flowers and beds – due to height of a couple of plants. How can you help? Help out with gardening

Alderman Fred Wessels commented that the Parks Department is only responding to complaints and won't be doing anything drastic. Hoping to come to a resolution

Stacy Ross: Hoping to have a survey for next meeting – What do you want from HHIA?

If you did not get a newsletter, your dues may not be up to date

Big thank you to Immediate Past President Tara Jenney!!!! She has done so much for the HHIA.

50/50 Drawing - \$24.50 won by Norb Butz

Meeting adjourned