

March 25, 2013

Roll Call:

Present: Stacy Ross, Beth Murphy, Kendal Dauphin, Ted Disabato, Tara Ohler-Jenney; Absent: Jan Hill, Anna Baldwin

St. Louis Police Officer Jim Cox

Handed out crime stats; Crime is up slightly from this time last year – burglaries, robberies. First District award banquet is April 17 at the Christy. Contact Officer Cox for tickets, which are \$20.

11th Ward Neighborhood Stabilization Officer Brian Kolde

Brian is moving to Ward 28. Kathryn Woodard our new NSO; She will be at the next meeting

13th Ward Neighborhood Stabilization Officer Chris Howard

Replaces T. J. Minden who moved to city Emergency Management Agency. 24 years experience; Welcome Chris!

13th Ward Alderman Fred Wessels

Wessels worked with Matt Villa to get first phase of historic district process completed. Now working on second phase, which will be completed within 12 months. Historic Guidelines to make Holly Hills a historic area; no impact on you unless you are seeking federal historic tax credits on major home renovations.

11th Ward Alderman Tom Villa

April 2nd election coming up; 3/16th increase in sales tax vote for parks and Arch grounds. Villa is in favor, but everyone should weigh in, think carefully about adding to sales tax. Only 12% voted in primary. Villa was re-elected. Faced no opposition because his opponent was thrown off the ballot for nonpayment of taxes.

Southern Funeral Home has a bad new owner – an LLC from St. Charles - who is not taking care of it – broken windows, small fire; Old Dry Cleaners building – all units condemned except one. Received \$500,000 grant from MSD for Sr. Marie Charles and Bellerive parks;

Guest Speaker - Brian Alcaraz, Building Department

Supervisor for building inspectors in 11th, 12th and 13th wards. Discussed what needs permits (fences, decks, anything structural), and the process.

Tips: scrutinize your contractor and get a contract; good rule of thumb 1/3 of money upfront, 1/3 of the money in the middle and 1/3 when the work is completed and you are satisfied.

If you have a question what needs a permit, call and ask; they are happy to answer any questions and even come to your house and take a look; 70% of the permits requested are available the same day.

To obtain a permit, you need a plan view and a 3D drawing; to apply for a permit you need 4 sets of your plans; cost based on cost of construction

If you do work without a permit, you have to submit plans and then obtain a permit – can be fined.

Guest Speaker - Zach Chasnoff, Missourians Organizing for Reform and Empowerment

Collecting signatures for sustainability ballot initiative -Stop city tax dollars from going to non-renewable energy sources/companies. Example: funds to Peabody energy

Need 22,000 signatures (really 33,000 because of ones that are invalidated - only have 9,000)

Announcements:

Safety Expo April 7th at the YMCA; 1-3;