

HHIA Meeting:

November 26, 2018

Roll call: Mike Dauphin, Ann, Jim, Julie, Ilene,

New to the neighborhood?

Guest speakers:

Metro Transit Reimagined:

Bernadette Marion: Director of Research and Development

Lance Peterson: Service and Planning

Talk about an initiative that looks at the entire metro bus structure. What is working and what is not.

It's been 10 years since the routes have been created and we want the routes more direct and frequent. We want to cut out stops that are not fulfilling a need. We want connections that make sense. Metro is doing this without a fee or tax increase. Routes may look like a stop every 15 minutes instead of every 45 minutes. Change the buses, limit the double bus where not needed. Battery electric buses are being introduced, they are a quiet ride; it's on Grand now, will continue to introduce these buses in other areas.

They are taking public input, can't accommodate all requests but will take them until September 2019.

Any feedback is welcomed.

HH route #8 is effected, very little ridership so the route will not be in this area.

73x will continue to stop at Loughborough. 15 minute frequency.

Q: Is number 8 going to replace number 20?

A: The ridership is very low and the #8 riders will have to walk to another stop.

#20 will replace some areas on #8. We will straighten the routes out and will run every 15 minutes. In Sept or Oct 2019

Q: Will you take the signs down:

A: Yes, after a couple months and we are replace all current Metro signs and we will have our own breakaway poles.

Trying to work on high traffic area, shelters, mobility impaired and low income. If there are any shelters out there, they will come down too. Four stations will be redesigned. Hanley and Forest Park are a couple of those. A pilot program worked at those two, the people who were "selling things" at these stops, they were no longer there after the pilot program.

Q: If gray lines on the example map are no longer being offered, what about the elderly?

A: Correct, if there are elderly, they need to contact Metro. An older person needs alternatives so there is call-a-ride. It will still be in the area. It's a \$4.00 ride to anywhere in the system. HH is only showing a couple riders right now so it's not effective to keep the route going.

Gregory FX Daly:

Collector of Revenue

Thank you, I just got elected.

I would like to congratulate Mike Dauphin and Steve Butts, this speaks volumes of our neighborhood, such stand-up men and women.

Sent out PP and real estate bills, introduced Amir (sorry, didn't get his last name) who assists the department.

The bills are due December 31, 2018. You can pay by mail, online, You-Pay-It, over the phone.

It's not easy collecting taxes so we make it convenient. HH pays on time, year after year.

Some in STL do not. People that don't, we file suit, we take you to court and garnish your wages.

Only about 9% do not pay, pretty low but we have them. If you don't pay your taxes in 3 years, we put your property up for sale. Don't forget, you will accumulate penalties and fees. In our office, we have a quarterly trash bill and the earning tax of 1%. If you want your receipt the same day you can go to Bank of America (gave address and not sure which one) and pay your bill right there and get your "paid" bill right then. There are convenience fees, if you take the steps to pay online, it's 2.4%. I want to thank you for paying, you are an easy group. The most important thing my office can do is to be customer service oriented. We have to do business this way, you are the customer.

Q: If you are retired do you still have to pay PP and real estate?

A: Yes, it's a state statute BUT you can pay year round - Monthly, quarterly (no interest though). we have 15,000 people that do it. It may be easier to do this than face the bill right before Christmas. Whatever you own Jan 1 is what you pay taxes on.

Q: I'm 3rd generation owner of the same home, what are the taxes for?

A: Provide service for STL public school system, there are actually 14 different services (zoo, MSD...)

Michael Dauphin:

Assessor

Busy time, I send the bills, Greg gets the money.

Why is bill too high? Call us, we can work with you. The value of your car may be higher, state mandated. Please pay. Real estate assessment will be on an odd year so next year your tax may go up because the value of your property is pretty high in HH.

Fred Wessels:

State Representative

Steve Butz will replace me

I want to thank officer Wilson, he helped a constituent of mine, I was there with him the whole time and he worked it out.

Term ends Dec 31 and I just want to thank you, I've been in since 1985. I've been in since Ronald Reagan was President. Out of 9 elections, I didn't have a close one and it's because of you. A mailer will come out this week from me, my last one, it has my email and phone number.

Greg Daly wanted to mention that we are a much better neighborhood because of Fred Wessels.

He's a man of integrity and HH is much better off because of his work.

Officer Wilson: Crime is on the increase because of the holidays:

Be careful when you park, have your keys ready. Make your keys chirp because "they do runaway".

Car jacking is up.

The robberies are NOT in the heart of HH, it's on the outskirts, in fact all this crime is.

Hand over the keys if you're approached. If they put a gun on you hand over everything.

When you park your car look around. Call a friend or neighbor to watch you get out of your car coming home. People are hard up for cash. CVS and Walgreens let them walk out if shoplifted - they say it's not worth it. HH will report suspicious activity, Call. Even if you think someone else has, CALL us. A lot of these are evenings, they will hang around waiting for you, they know your routine. HAVE A PLAN.

Be aware, holidays are the most active. They watch you. The UPS and FedEx trucks are being followed, they grab the package. Most of the crime is Bates, rental properties.

Domestic assaults are up due to people being depressed.

Q: What do you do with nuisance property?

A: Extra police presence, watch very close. CALL often

Steve Butz:

State Representative

Thank you Fred, it's been a good handoff.

Cops walking a beat: donation only, 2 year annual report at St. Stevens tomorrow night at 7pm.

A lot of good success in conjunction with the Rat Patrol. Training is important. A couple neighborhoods have done the same looking for the success that we have had.

Beth and Sarah are not able to be with us tonight so no report there.

Our next meeting is in Jan 28th, 2019.