

HHIA Meeting:

March 25th, 2019

Roll call: Anna Baldwin, Beth Murphy, Lisa Bertke, Julie Orrick, Eileen Muir, Mike Dauphin, Tara Ohler

New to the neighborhood? Kayla and Ryan moved from Kansas City, 4100 block of Holly Hills

Dave and Jane just moved in over the weekend on Federer

Jerrod has lived in the neighborhood for a while and works at Epiphany Church down the road

Joan Davis have been here for a while but first meeting lives on Wilmington also lives in Southern Illinois

Guest speakers:

Michael Butler Recorder of Deeds

Recorder of Deeds first 90 days. Served six years in the state legislature. Masters Degree of Public Affairs, Bachelors Degree in Business. Here to talk about property fraud. Important to know that the Records of Deeds office records property but they don't enforce the laws. Take every precaution to change their process and help enforce laws. Predecessor required grantor and grantee to be present. Other counties don't do that. We are also doing something new in tracking bad notaries. There are certain notaries that have a history of fraudulent documents. Starting to flag them and get that info to the state. Last thing we are doing...3,000 landowners that have a PO Box or an address of City Hall or another city building. Difficult to track them if fraud were to occur. Reaching out to the owners to get an actual address. While we don't enforce property laws we are working with various groups (vacancy initiative) and the mayor's office to try to prevent these issues.

Q: how does someone go about filing a lien on your property? Such as a mechanical lien. A: I believe that goes through an attorney and the court system.

Q: How would someone find out if there was a lien on the property? A: that would be through our office. We are going to put it on our website eventually. I would not advise anyone to go to our website today...we are working on upgrading the website. Come to our office...we have the best customer service.

Keeping with that, if you are a victim of prop fraud. We partner with two entites: Legal Svcs of Eastern MO. They have been helping us for years. They provide free attorneys. If fraud occurs, we can flag it. Property FraudAlert.com. 3rd party vendor you can access from our new website. Comes directly from our software provider. You can get alerts on your property, anytime there is a lien or a change in your property address.

Last thing, our office will be improving our website in the next 90 days. Saturday we went through a great strategic planning process. Great solutions from our staff and from folks outside the office. We have remade relationships with the state office to improve our archives and vital records processes.

Jack Krewson

With Kairos Academies. New middle school opening up in south city in the fall.

Why do we need to have a new kind of school?

Sponsored by the MO Public School Comm and authorized by the state.

Kairos was born out of my classroom. Taught at Normandy and Jennings. Our school system today is founded on control and compliance. Might be appropriate for elementary school kids. You are not

preparing students for college and the real world. I would have former students that said they couldn't handle college. At Normandy this means no backpacks, no lockers, limited lunch. We are focused on "how can we give students incremental choice" so that by the time they get to college they know how to do independent work, set goals, set schedules and calendars. The things that we do every day. The school model has not changed in 100 years. Set up in the age of industrialism to train kids to be factory workers. Kids were taught to obey and no critical thinking skills were taught. We need to give kids the proper skills to be successful in the modern world. We just need to make sure we are teaching kids the right things.

Schools in St. Louis are almost as segregated as they were 100 years ago. It comes from our schools...single socio-economic and racial schools. Lots of good reasons to have integrated student body. Boosts academic achievement for all students. Intentionally diverse school. 63116, 63118, and 63111 zip codes have the largest educational gap in St. Louis. The average school scores are also underperforming. Every kid deserves to attend a high quality school in their neighborhood.

What do we do differently?

Kairos is one of two ancient words for time. The right moment of time. Student experience structured by four pillars. Project Based Learning, Individualized Coaching, Personalized Learning, and Diverse Peer Communities. Meet students where they are with their learning. Every kid gets a one-one-one coach that they meet with every day for 15 min. Extracurriculars...need to structure interactions between students. Work in small groups in different contexts toward a common goal. Everyone gets a laptop. Distributed leadership, everyone is teaching a different class. Year round schooling. On for five weeks, off for two weeks. Align all breaks with other breaks (winter break, spring break, etc) Flexible schedule, set growth goals to give the kids more choice over how they learn. This model is very tested. Did a lot of community outreach. Focused on Dutchtown, Gravois, Jefferson, Benton Park, Fox Park, Tower Grove East. Located at Miami and Jefferson the former Concordia Publishing House. Hosted public forum...set the record for turnout. Have sponsor...have goals set with the sponsor that we need to set. These goals will set us in the 90% percentile of public schools. Unlike a lot of charter schools we are financial sustainable, no need to raise private money.

Q: How do you determine the starting point for each of the students? A: Baseline using the NWA map. General aptitude and subject specific tests to identify specific skill gaps.

Q: How many students? A: 115 first year. Add 100 kids a grade after that. Will reach 700 kids.

Q: Busing? A: We don't. As a charter school we don't receive funding for busing. We want to put every \$ into the school. Pay teachers 40% above average. If they can raise the \$ for busing at a later date they will.

Please if you know of any student who is interested...we have 107 applications for 115 slots. 79 people confirmed. We have slots left.

Operation Brightside

Samantha from St. Louis City Recycles. Under the umbrella of Brightside St. Louis. Some things that people think are recyclable but are not: garden hoses, plastic utensils, insulation, plastic plates, ice cream containers. Just because it has a recycling symbol on it...it isn't necessarily recyclable. Recyclable: spray bottle, lotion tube, amazon mailer (without bubble wrap inside), hairspray can, dry paint can.

Come together with OneSTL group, Recycle Responsibly campaign. Created a cohesive message to recycle responsibly. Whether or not you live in the city or the county, the message is the same. Contamination is a big issue for us. Top 5 contaminants: plastic bags, medical waste (needles),

food waste, non-container plastics (film, yard signs, laundry bins, toys), clothing. Benefits of recycling: STL has more recycling jobs on average, over 90 mil in our payroll in STL metro, every 1 ton we recycle creates 10 jobs. Health benefits: less pollution in our environment, conserve and protect finite resources. Recycling 101. Stick with the six categories of items you can recycle: paper, flattened cardboard, plastic bottles and containers, glass bottles and jars, metal food and beverage cans, food and beverage cartons. Five items not to place: plastic bags, Styrofoam, sharps and needles, food waste, one time use disposables (coffee cups)

If you aren't sure about an item, visit the website stlrecycles.com/database.

Also accept household hazardous waste: paint, solvents, antifreeze, etc can be taken to a facility once a year.

Upcoming events: Sustainability Speed Dating, Recycling Extravaganza, Earth Day Weekend

Some other things we do: Blitz Clean-ups, Graffiti Removal Team, Neighbors Nature Scaping

St. Louis Urban Gardening Symposium, morning of workshops, Sat June 1st

Q: Can the paper get wet? My recycle dumpster has inches of water in it. A: The paper cannot get wet. The city is still trying to work on that. Trying various things...putting holes in the bottom of the dumpster. You can also report it to the CSB. The refuse division can drill holes in the bottom.

Q: What about recycling toothpaste tubes? A: They don't hold shape so they are not recyclable. At our Recycling Extravaganza will be accepting those as well as toothbrushes.

Alderwoman Beth Murphy

We are not in session right now. Committees are still meeting. Speed study came back on Leona. They divided Leona into three big sections. She requested they do that first because of the school. Holly Hills started in 1927...we all know what happened in 1929. Lots got smaller and other resources dried up...and the other half of Leona didn't get the boulevard. 85% of the cars go over the speed limit. They recommended a speed hump (more gradual than a bump). Put in the fourth parkway (which should have been there a lot time ago) to slow down traffic. They are working on that right now. It will be brass, there will be plants in it. Hoping to get some ornamental trees (something like a dogwood). Epiphany Lutheran Church has graciously offered to take of it for us. Notified residents on ND and personally notified residents on Leona. They will most likely recommend more speed humps. Alderwoman Martin and I are also going to look into calming traffic on Holly Hills. Traditionally the fire dept did not like speed bumps. The street dept also didn't like speed bumps due to snow plows but they are ok with speed humps. The bridge work is supposed to begin soon. Also want to work to slow down traffic on Grand near the YMCA bridge. Also put in for a speed study on Bates. 1st district was promised 5 additional police officers from the new class. The captain has promised us that we will get cops devoted to traffic. Concerts will start in the park soon. Stone Soup Shakespeare coming again at the bandstand May 10th. Dr. Prince will be speaking in front of the Legislative committee...(SLATE).

Q: Are you up to date on the ash borer trees? A: The trees are coming down. Other trees are getting the bug. All the trees have been replaced. Using a variety of trees.

Q: The parkways, the residents are now taking care of the gardens. What do they do with the leaves and tree waste? A: If you put it at the end of the parkway the city should come and pick it up. Perhaps the park workers will come and pick it up. If you call the Parks Dept they will come and pick it up. We will give you the number of someone in the park to call.

Q: Hear about the speed studies, very hodge-podge. Other neighborhoods have done a comprehensive traffic study. A: Yes, you can do that. It costs about \$25-30,000. I was trying to get stuff done without spending \$25k.

Michael Dauphin, the city assessor...one thing I want to make sure that everyone got mail from me. 4/1 is when you have to declare your personal property. If you don't do so you will get hit with a \$10 penalty. 17,000 have renewed online...please check it out. Save a lot of paper and postage. If you lost it all and you don't know what you need to do to declare please call our office.

Follow up on the bridge...June/July. Waiting on Union Pacific to review the plans. \$628,000 project. Lightpost down in the park. CSB is looking into it. Huge tree fell by the Boathouse. Waiting for the ground to dry.

Next meeting will be May 20th, Mayor Krewson will be here