

# Ellendale Neighborhood Association Meeting

## March 14, 2016

Meeting began at 7:03 pm

### Recap of previous meeting minutes and discussion

- Approval of minutes, January Meeting

### Community Reports

#### *Updates from Alderman Scott Ogilvie*

- Southwest Ave will be repaved. Need warmer weather to begin.
- River des Peres Bike Trail: Matt Sisul invited Carey Bundy, project manager, from Great Rivers Greenway to future ENA meeting to discuss trail expansion.
- Wilkinson School update: people have been walking through but no offers have been made.
- Ald. Ogilvie praised the new event space on Manchester Ave, Majorette, which recently finished major renovations and is beginning to book party reservations.
- City Hall
  - Primary election tomorrow 3/15/16.
  - April 5<sup>th</sup> Election: Vote to continue City earnings tax is on the ballot. City earnings tax represents 33% of City budget. The measure needs 50% of the vote to pass. According to Ald. Ogilvie, if not passed it would pose extreme
  - City budget challenges and shortcomings.
  - Prop F is also on the ballot: This Bond issue will approve funding for fire trucks, ambulances, bridges etc.
  - SLPS school district tax on ballot as well.
- Community member interested in community garden in green space where Ellendale Ave dead-ends overlooking Southwest Ave

#### *Update from Neighborhood Information Specialist (NIS) Andrew Hernandez*

- Yard waste back to regular cycle
- Operation Brightside Blitz is underway providing resources to help beautify our neighborhoods. April or May are the recommended times to utilize these resources at [www.brightside.stl.org](http://www.brightside.stl.org), free seeds if register before April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Please report potholes & graffiti to the Citizen Service Bureau.
- Concern about graffiti and trash under the train bridge on Southwest just west of McCausland. Andrew suggests reporting it to citizen service bureau. He will also check into it.
- Concern: Railroad property retaining wall at Emilie street has rock and soil debris sliding down: Andrew will check it out.

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### Board Report

- Treasurer's Report (Joe Nea): ENA is currently in the red \$225 for legal fees related to re-organization and re-filing with MO Secretary of State. Currently have 20 paid members and is seeking more.
- Housing committee formation (Matt Sisul).
  - See addendum below.
  - Motion approved to form Housing Committee with three members.
  - Leslie Wilson from housing committee presented (handout) on housing market information for Ellendale Neighborhood.

### Recap of the March 9<sup>th</sup> Rivers des Peres Greenway meeting

Angela Sebben presented summary handout of recent meeting included many details regarding new trail. More information can be found on the Great Rivers Greenway website:  
<http://greatriversgreenway.org/river-des-peres-greenway-master-plan/>.

### New neighborhood project proposals (Slay Park Cleanup)

- Matt stressed the importance of neighborhood clean-ups and the service opportunities they provide.
- Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> clean-up event will occur from 10am to Noon at Slay Park
  - Secretary Barry Marquart will be organizing event
  - Trash bags and gloves will be provided
  - Meet at parking lot near ball field

### 2016 Spring Community Yard Sale

- Ten nearby neighborhoods having variety of yard sales on Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup>.
- If interested send your name, address, and cell number in case they need to contact you to [yardsale@cliftonheightsneighborhood.org](mailto:yardsale@cliftonheightsneighborhood.org) by Sunday April 03, 2016

Motion was made to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:03.

**The next Association meeting will be on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

### Reminder

- Membership dues are \$6 per adult per household. \$24 per business. Dues help fund upcoming projects and must be up to date to vote on major issues, but are not required for general meeting attendance.

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Addendum from above:

**ENA Housing Committee Outline**

Purpose: Standing Committee authorized by Article V of the Ellendale Neighborhood Association bylaws (adopted 11/09/2015) to serve as an advocate for general membership on housing and development issues that impact the neighborhood.

Members: minimum of one chairperson; even-numbered general members; per ENA bylaws, both president and vice-president serve *ex officio*.

Current Roster: Lesley Wilson (Chairperson) – appointed  
Jim Haislip (member)  
Joan Merlo (member)

Meetings: committee to meet on an as-needed basis but no less frequently than once per quarter (calendar year)

Duties: evaluation of specific development proposals considered for the service area; identification of nuisance properties (nuisance or code) and follow-up with appropriate outlets (City, police, NST, etc) for their remediation; analysis of market health (including data collection & reporting), with recommendations for improvement; advocacy for membership and other residents of the service area (including but not limited to housing programs, quality-of-life issues, and development opportunity areas)

Committee can be expected occasionally make recommendations of support/opposition to general membership on housing & development actions being considered.

**MAY 9, 2016:**

***THESE MEETING NOTES HAVE BEEN FORMALLY RECOGNIZED AND APPROVED BY ELLENDALE RESIDENTS AS THE OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2016.***