

## Clifton Heights Neighborhood Association Minutes {CHNA}

March 24, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Steve Cavin President. Present at the meeting were Steve Cavin President, Jeff Fister Vice President, Debbie Layne Treasurer and Sue Van Rees Secretary.

**Treasurer's report** We started with a balance of \$903.61. We gave \$100.00 to the police awards luncheon, \$100.00 to Mason school for trivia. We had a \$10.00 deposit leaving a balance of \$713.61.

### **Public Officials**

**PO John Amequita 2<sup>nd</sup> District liaison-** Clifton Heights continues to be one of the lowest crime areas of the city. Crime is down 40% since last year. 61% of all crime is car clotting. There was continued discussion of two problem properties on Marmaduke. Police, neighbors, CSB and the alderman are working to solve the problem, progress is slow and involves numerous city agencies. The city attorney's office is now reviewing action on one of those properties.

**Brett Narayan 4<sup>th</sup> ward Alderman-** Bids for the comfort station are in but Brett has not seen it. There is concern about a possible Quick Trip on the corner of Arsenal and Jamieson. Quick Trip has bought up all the property, but it will require rezoning. No one is in favor of the Quick Trip in that location. BB173 outlines how money is to be distributed among wards. We will get all the 24<sup>th</sup> ward money and 1/3 of the 23<sup>rd</sup> wards money since that now makes up the 4<sup>th</sup> ward. BB199 concerns drones. No permission was granted for the use of drones without SLPD permission. BB60 makes it easier for restaurants to get a liquor license but they must mostly food service. The tax freeze for real estate tax for seniors is active. Go to Stlouis-mo.gov real estate for more information. Must be filed by 6/30 every year.

**Brian Kolde NIS-** reminded everyone to use the address of the problem property when reporting problems. He will do what he can to support the neighborhood on the problem properties and the comfort station in the park.

**Speaker Jean Ponzi Botanical Garden-** spoke about the importance of the use of plants native to Missouri and less use of grass lawns. This will reduce water runoff. More information on her very helpful topic can be found at MOBOT.org, and grownative.org. These web sites will help you learn to plant a rain garden and how to find plants native to Missouri.

**Carolyn McMahon Dem. Rep.-** Carolyn encouraged everyone to read the voter information the city sent out and update your knowledge of the two MSD bond issues. Remember you can vote at any voting station not just your assigned area.

### **Upcoming Events**

3/30- Easter Egg Hunt April 20<sup>th</sup> 9am to noon clean up at Southwest and the overpass. We need 20 volunteers to qualify for free Cardinal tickets for volunteers. Bring gloves and tools. You can park at BSI

8/7- Watermelon Social

10/12 or 10/5- Shred Event and Fall Fest

12/14- Candy Cane Hunt Next

**Meeting Tuesday May 28th, 2024, SEIU Hall 6:30pm**