

SHAW NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH BASEMENT  
NOVEMBER 5, 2007  
Joan Jennings - Secretary

New members and residents were welcomed.

Jeff Smith – State Senator: Stated that in the last year he focused on education reform regarding the St. Louis Public Schools and is seeking state subsidies for early childhood education. In addition he sponsored a Bill regarding a dropout recovery charter school for 300 kids and is seeking funding to double the amount of participants. Senator Smith further stated that he spearheaded a bill to end the double taxation of Social Security Benefits gradually over the next 6 years. Senator Smith can be contacted at [www.jeffsmith2006.com](http://www.jeffsmith2006.com) and the Missouri senate can be monitored at [www.senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

Amy Keller – Mobile Patrol: Amy stated that she will coordinate a Citizens Mobile Patrol in the Shaw Neighborhood. She asked for volunteers, mainly on weekends and some weeknights to ride at various times. The purpose of the Mobile Patrol is to monitor would be troublemakers and crime prevention. Two cars with two people per car are required per shift. Amy can be reached at 537-2014.

The October 1, 2007 General Meeting Minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report- Monte Abbott: We have \$52,000.00 in the checking account and \$29,000.00 in the savings account. We still have income and bills coming in from the Art Fair. A final accounting of the Art Fair should be ready by the next Board of Directors’ Meeting on Monday November 19, 2007.

Membership – Morgan Naas: Reminded everyone that the membership dues will change in January 2008 - Individual is \$10.00; Household is \$20.00; Business or donor is \$50.00. The new membership forms are available.

Block Liaison – Jenny Gerstner: We have ten blocks without Block Captains. If you would like to be a Block Captain or to nominate someone as a Block Captain please contact Jenny at 773-4872.

Dog Park – Sue Raney: Everything is going well. Sue is helping other communities with the creation of a Dog Park.

Public Relations – Sue Raney: The live KTRS radio show at the Art Fair was very successful and a lot of fun. In addition, the Art Fair was advertised in the Post-Dispatch, on Charter Communications, and Sauce Magazine. Channel 2 did a segment on the Shaw Neighborhood called “Our Neighborhood” that will air at the daytime news hours.

Circuit Attorney’s Office - Greg Sandifer: In September there 8 people arrested on State charges for 19 charges, which included various charges such as assault, marijuana possession, 2 burglaries, knowingly attempting to burn a car, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree robbery in the area of 3817 Shaw. In October, State charges were issued for a 1st degree robbery charge in the area of 4040 Russell, stealing a motor vehicle, 1 burglary, and an assault and harassment.

City of St. Louis Police Department, Third District - Sergeant John Nocchiero: Stated that on Halloween night an individual was shot once in the under arm. The shots came from a car driving by. It is believed the victim and the shooter knew each other and the act was retaliation. Sgt. Nocchiero warned about leaving windows and doors opened. In addition, he suggested acknowledging a knock at the door and try to get a good description of

suspicious individuals. Then call 911 or 231-1212 ( a non-emergency number). Burglaries are up. There maybe additional police patrols on motor scooters in the near future.

Safety Committee: Joshua Brown encouraged everyone to turn on there porch lights and will be requesting additional wattage in the street lights.

8<sup>th</sup> Ward Update – Alderman Steve Conway: In regards to the two murders in the Tower Grove South Neighborhood the police believe a thin short juvenile that resides in a nuisance property in the TGS neighborhood maybe responsible for one of the murders. Steve asked that when reporting incidents or calling 911 to please mention the nuisance property’s address and not the callers address. In addition, Steve suggested being extra careful now due to the up coming holidays.

A block can request a special yard waste pickup, which includes a street vacuum for leaves. The street vacuum would require a 65% participation by residents of the Block.

We are seeking new developers for the Detonty Place Project. In regards to the multifamily at Thurman and Magnolia the developer has been approved for a TIFF (Tax Increment Financing) but has not closed yet. The developer will receive historic tax credits. If the condominiums sell for over \$130,000.00 the City of St. Louis will receive 30% of the yearly taxes per every 2,000 square feet.

A ½ cent sales tax Bill will be voted on in February 2008 regarding the Fire and Police Departments Pension Fund. The pension funds are presently \$27,000,000 short. In addition, the Bill will provide for 62-75 additional police officers.

St. Margaret of Scotland Housing Corporation- John Williams: The realtors open house “Fall For Shaw” on October 15, 2007 had a good turnout and about 188 people attended. The “Fall For Shaw” booklet included 52 single-families, 16 condos, and 14 multi-families, which was about the same amount of properties as the “Shaw On Show” open house in the spring of 2007.

Old Business: Vice President Kevin McKinney stated the SNIA Board of Directors approved a new contract with the Covenant House for trash pick for the next four months which includes two pick ups a month for a cost of \$578.00 per month.

Kevin went on to state that we must redo the SNIA budget in February of 2008. We need chairpersons for the House Tour, Youth, and Finance Committees. The Board of Directors election will be held at the December 2007 SNIA General membership meeting. The slate includes the following: President – Kevin McKinney, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Matt Davis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Mike Gregory, Secretary – Joan Jennings, Assistant Secretary – Laura Kinsall-Bear, Treasurer – Monte Abbott, Assistant Treasurer – Peter Merideth.

The meeting was adjourned.

SHAW NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEETING - OCTOBER 1, 2007  
St. Margaret of Scotland's Church Basement  
Joan Jennings – Secretary

New residents were welcomed.

The September SNIA General Meeting Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Monte Abbott: We have \$12,659.76 in the checking account, \$9,300.00 in the money market, and \$21,283.00 in the CD. About \$10,000 in Art Fair expenses.

City Garden Montessori Pre-School: Patricia Curtis stated that the CGMP will open a pilot elementary school in Tyler Place Presbyterian Church. In addition, the CGMP has been awarded a \$500,000.00 grant from the Dept. of Education for the development of a charter school. The CGMP boundaries are Hwy. 64, Grand Blvd., Magnolia, and Kingshighway. There will be an Open House on Sunday, October 7, 2007 The school should open in January at the Tyler Place Presbyterian location for 50 children.

Autumn Fest – David: The Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood is having an Autumn Fest on Saturday, October 7, 2007 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Juanita, Hartford, and Utah Place at Spring. The event includes a home tour, wine, food, and music.

Committee Announcements:

Art Fair – Larry Weiness: Art Fair is October 6 and 7. Morgan Naas stated that we still need volunteers; especially shuttle drivers, 1-2 adults for the food court, and setup- and teardown. SNIA members receive free admission.

Dog Park – Sue Raney: Renewal confirmations and new tags have been sent. The website is shawdogpark.org.

Public Relations – Sue Raney: The Art Fair will be shown on Show Me St. Louis and Sue will be interviewed on McGraw Millhaven's KTRS radio show on Thursday. In addition, on October 10<sup>th</sup> Sue and the Shaw Neighborhood will be featured on a Channel Five special segment "This Is My Neighborhood".

Membership – Morgan Naas: Encouraged new residents to join the SNIA.

8<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alderman Steve Conway: The Board of Alderman is in session and is busy with tax abatement bills for new construction and rehabs, many in the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward. On Saturday 9/30/07 the Garden District celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We will soon purchase the gas station property at Lawrence and Shaw. Gut rehabs are selling well. A group of Alderman toured converted 4-families to two townhouses in the Shaw Neighborhood. On the 3800 Block of Shenandoah we have a four family being converted to a two family and a two family unit under development. The developer of the Ryan's Market property should be approved in the near future. In addition, regarding the Ryan's Market property only three bids were received during the eight months in which request for proposals were taken. The bid was awarded to the highest and most capable developer. We have asked the Community Development Agency to replace the developer for Detonty Place. Millennium has missed three deadlines. We will seek two to three developers to replace Millennium. Ryan's Market – three bids were received and the developer that made the highest offer and was the most capable was chosen for to develop this property. Floyd Wright stated that MODOT will work with a neighborhood organization that has a viable plain. Steve Conway went on to say that the owner of the property at 39<sup>th</sup> and Shaw, that has been vacant for 20 years, has been cited several times.

St. Margaret of Scotland Housing Corporation – Terri Hunter announced for Director John Williams that the Realtors Open House “Fall For Shaw” is scheduled for October 14, 2007 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. starting at the Thurman Grill.

Police Department, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Police - Sargent Kwaitkowski: Stated that a Neighborhood Response Team is patrolling the Shaw Neighborhood. This team does not respond to calls. In addition, the Crime Suppression Unit has been very successful throughout the City in regards to car thefts. This is an undercover unit. A resident of the 4200 Block of Castleman stated that the police were harassing her teenage boys. Another resident asked Sergeant Kwaitkowski about a purse snatching that had occurred earlier in the day. Sergeant Kwaitkowski was aware of the burglaries that had occurred on the 4100 Blocks of Russell and Castleman. Most police reports are made over the phone due a cut in manpower. According to Andy Wilson the cost of private security would be prohibitive. The Shaw Neighborhood’s crime statistics are the same as neighborhoods with private security.

Board of Directors Election – Kevin McKinney: The nominating committee includes Jennifer Gerstner, Roger Walker, Ben Philips, and Jennifer Tappenen. The slate will be announced in November and the election will be in January 2008.

Membership Committee – Terri Hunter: Stated that the Board of Directors had approved changes in the cost of the SNIA membership; \$10.00 for individuals, \$20.00 for families (households), and \$50.00 for businesses, sponsors, and organizations. Morgan Naas made a motion to change the SNIA Membership amounts effective in January 2008 as stated above and John Hunter seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Kevin McKinney: The following committees need chairpersons: House Tour, Youth, and Finance.

Covenant House Winter Contract – Sue Raney: The present contract with Covenant House for trash pickup expires this month. Sue proposed to renew the contract with the Covenant House for trash pick up November 1, 2007 to February 29, 2008 that would cost \$569.00. A suggestion was made to wait until after the Art Fair to renew the contract.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.