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By-Laws This Issue

The complete text of the revision of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council's bylaws, as well as the SDCC constitution, are printed in this edition of The Paper. Because of the far-reaching significance of these revisions, The Paper hopes that all our readers will examine this proposed document.

Ray Breun, one of the writers of the new bylaws, offers his review of some important, new features on this page. For answers to questions you may have about the proposed bylaws, the Board of Directors of SDCC and its Institutional and Community Representatives request that you call them directly. Their addresses and phone numbers are listed here as well.

Finally, we hope that most of you will attend the Feb. 14 meeting of the SDCC to discuss and vote on the revised bylaws. That meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in the basement hall of Delmar Baptist Church.

Comments & Comparisons: Present and Proposed By-Laws for SDCC

by Ray Breun

Nearly a year ago, SDCC named a Constitution and Bylaws Committee to study the question of modifying or changing the current SDCC bylaws. The committee included Ray Breun as chair, and members Jim McLeod, Harold Williams and Dan McGuire. The committee studied past documents and talked with many residents.

It became obvious early that the current articles of incorporation needed updating to bring them in line with current state requirements, particularly regarding a formal plan of distribution of assets if the organization went defunct. A document was presented to the Council by the committee in October, and this was revised for the November meeting.

The proposed constitution and bylaws are printed in this issue of *The Paper* to make greater discussion possible. Let me outline some of the major changes envisioned.

One of the major confusions in the original bylaws concerned the boundaries of the SDCC area. The bylaws did not define a clear western or southern boundary. In addition, an extant early policy statement dating from before 1970 suggests a distinction regarding an area of concentrated activity having its eastern boundary at Union rather than DeBaliviere, as the bylaws suggest. The proposed bylaws define both a core area and a service area.

In a second item, the original bylaws specifically eschew personal or individual membership in SDCC. Only funding agencies and neighborhood associations can be represented on the Council. In essence, this means individuals, whether residents or

Washington Heights Withdraws

by King Schoenfeld

Last November the Board of Directors of Washington Heights Neighbors voted to recommend to their members that WHN withdraw from membership on the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council. This action was taken after many years of conflict between WHN and SDCC. At that time, WHN President, Harold Williams, told *The Paper* that he felt the continuation of WHN in SDCC meant that it would always be out-voted and thereby required to participate in issues that did not address its own problems.

The regular, December meeting of WHN was described by Mr. Williams as attended by a "good turnout." He estimated the attendance to be about 80; others thought the crowd was closer to half that amount. (WHN's paid membership, according to one source, includes over 90 persons.)

The second item on the agenda was the recommendation to withdraw from SDCC. Mr. Williams had asked that SDCC send a representative to speak against the motion to withdraw. This was Mr. Ray Breun, who normally attends the WHN meetings,

although he lives out of the Washington Heights area. (WHN accepts members who do not live in that area but who wish to participate and pay dues.) Speaking for the motion to withdraw was Mr. Ted Schwab.

Mr. Breun distributed a sheet describing "Programs Planned through the SDCC" and in his presentation touched on these three points: the Washington Heights area cannot disassociate itself physically from its neighbors; the services of SDCC will continue to be offered to all neighbors; the SDCC as a local institution will continue to affect all area neighborhoods.

Mr. Schwab also distributed a handout. His listed nine situations that arose in the past in which, it was said, SDCC acted against the interests of WHN or failed to act. The list included such items as "WHN's repeated call for an end to eminent domain in Washington Heights," WHN's insistence that the Redevelopment Advisory Council Committee be reconvened, and WHN's interest in redeveloping Nina Place on its own terms. These wishes, it was said, were ignored by SDCC.

Discrimination was felt within the operation of the Council itself, too, according to the WHN list of grievances. Listed was SDCC's 1981 change of its system of representation, by which WHN received a reduced number of seats on the SDCC Board. Also listed was the choice of SDCC's executive directors over the past years.

Of those who applied for the position in 1982, three finalists were presented to the SDCC Board. They were Ann Fitz-Gibbons of Rosedale, Ted Schwab and Council Smith, both of Washington Heights. According to the criteria used by

the SDCC, Ms. FitzGibbons was chosen over the two Washington Heights residents. (Harold Williams and Ray Breun were both SDCC Board members involved in the director's selection.)

Harold Williams summarized his grievances with the SDCC for *The Paper* this way: "There is a difference of priorities . . . Washington Heights people have been voicing their needs very much, but Washington Heights was in the minority—constantly."

When the vote was called on Dec. 14, Washington Heights Neighbors voted 26 to 16 to withdraw from its position as the representative organization for the residents of Washington Heights on the SDCC Board. Specifically, WHN voted to amend their bylaws by adding the following:

"WH may only affiliate with organizations that have common goals and interests with WH.

"Any affiliation must serve the goals and interests of WH.

"WH does not yield authority to make decisions that will affect WH to any other organization. . . .

"WH withdraws its membership from the SDCC . . . immediately upon passage of this section."

As a result of this vote, residents of Washington Heights are no longer represented by voting members on the SDCC Board. Some Washington Heights residents are likely to continue attending SDCC meetings. But until another new or existing neighborhood organization in the Washington Heights area applies for membership in SDCC, Washington Heights residents are unrepresented in Council decisions that will affect the entire area.

At its Jan. 10 meeting the SDCC Board accepted the WHN withdrawal "with regret." Executive Director Ann Fitz-Gibbons told *The Paper* that in spite of WHN's decision, "programs offered through SDCC will continue to be offered to all residents no matter where they live."

These events conclude a long and difficult chapter in the history of our neighborhood. Perhaps with the passage of time the underlying reasons for the conflict and suspicion between WHN and SDCC will be understood. Until then, residents of the SDCC area can only hope that persons of good will and a desire to work together will continue the renewal and growth of our entire neighborhood.

property owners, have no direct voice. The proposed bylaws envision a new membership organization with representation on the Council parallel to the neighborhood organizations. Individuals could belong to SDCC directly, in addition to or distinct from their membership in a local neighborhood organization. This has two purposes: to raise funds for SDCC from individuals as well as agencies, since the neighborhoods give nothing to support it; and to bring people to the Council who are interested in the entire area, not just the local neighborhood. Further, some parts of the neighborhood have no representative organization on the Council or are planning to have one, and this mechanism makes the process of local organizations more direct.

A third and final major difference is in the committee structure. The original bylaws tend to create an organization working as a committee of the whole in all its business. The proposed bylaws suggest stronger committee tasks and more orderly processing of business.

The proposed document includes changes in both the articles of incorporation and the bylaws as they stand now. The timetable for discussion and action on this matter is to have it completed by the March regular meeting. The current bylaws indicate you must find a person in your neighborhood organization to speak for you. However, simply call any of the SDCC Council members, and particularly the members of the committee. Their names and phone numbers are listed elsewhere in this issue.

December 15, 1982

Frank Burke
Chairman, SDCC
6008 Kingsbury

Affiliation with Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council is formally terminated as of Tuesday, December 14, 1982, per a vote by residents of Washington Heights Neighbors. All seats on the council board of directors held by Washington Heights representatives are vacated.

(signed) Harold F. Williams
President
Washington Heights Neighbors



The new Signet Arts Gallery and Pace Framing at Skinker and McPherson.



Neighborhood children gathered around one of the mounted policemen who participated in the Dec. 12 Christmas Walk and decoration of the Four Corners. Decorations were provided by the SDCC with the assistance of Grace and Peace Fellowship. (Photo by Sue Johnson)

The Paper

Board Meeting Notice:

The regular meeting of The Paper's Board/Staff will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the SDCC office, 6008 Kingsbury.

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Send all correspondence to 6124 Westminster. Deadline: 15th of the month.

February Calendar

- 4 Delmar Senior Adults. Making Valentine Gifts for Children. Delmar Baptist Church. 10 a.m.
- 11 Delmar Senior Adults. Valentine Party with New City School. New City School, 5209 Waterman. 10 a.m.
- 14 SDCC Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Call 862-5122 for location.
- 15 Washington Heights Neighbors Board Meeting. Hamilton School. 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Yoga Center Vegetarian Potluck Dinner. 6:30 p.m. Call 726-5133 for details.
- 21 St. Louis Symphony Chamber Music Orchestra. Grace Methodist Sanctuary. 8 p.m. Exercise classes for women. St. Roch's Gym, 6030 Waterman. 12 Mondays, \$9. Call 863-4512. 8 p.m.
- 25 Delmar Senior Adults. Trip to Magic House in Kirkwood. \$.75. 10 a.m.

Medicare Issues Alert

Companies charging fees for submitting bills to Medicare are making a profit from services the federal government performs free.

A company in St. Louis is currently offering to help people submit Medicare and other insurance claims for a fee of \$50 per year plus 10 percent of the medical bill. This is quite an exorbitant fee for a service offered without charge at any Social Security office.

Although the service alleges it is "more successful" at getting money out of Medicare, no private company has access to any "inside" information that would allow them to obtain "more money" from Medicare than any private citizen can get on his or her own.

There appears to be nothing illegal about this offer. Consumers might be misled, though, if they think submitting bills to Medicare is complicated or expensive.

It is relatively easy to submit bills to Medicare for reimbursement. All a person needs is an itemized bill from the doctor showing the doctor's name and address, date of treatment, illness of patient, and what services or treatment was done for the patient. They attach the bill to a request for payment that shows the patient's name, address, Medicare claim number, and illness for which they were treated. This process can be completed at any Social Security office.

From now through the end of March is the general enrollment period for the medical insurance part of Medicare. People who passed up the chance for this protection, or who had it and dropped out, can again sign up.

Protection will start July 1, 1983. The premium will be deducted from their

Social Security checks before they receive it. If someone is not currently receiving a Social Security check, a separate quarterly billing will be mailed to them.

Medical insurance complements the hospital insurance part of Medicare. Hospital insurance helps pay for medically necessary inpatient hospital care and certain followup care in a skilled nursing facility or at home.

Medical insurance helps pay for doctor's services including surgical services, diagnostic tests and X-rays that are part of the treatment, medical supplies furnished in the doctor's office, services of the office nurse, and drugs that are given as part of the treatment and which cannot be self-administered.

Medical insurance also covers outpatient hospital services received for diagnosis and treatment and other services and supplies not covered by hospital insurance.

For more information about Medicare, contact the Kingshighway Social Security office. The telephone number is 678-7800.



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Seventh District Sees Leadership Change

by Suzanne Hart

Captain Gay Carraway has been reassigned after eight years in the Seventh District. He assumed command of the Eighth District at the end of 1982. His departure marks a sad occasion for the many friends he made during the years of intimate association with the Seventh District. During his years as commander he headed the experimental "Team Policing" project, which he refers to as the "highlight of my career." Capt. Carraway feels that the delivery of police services throughout the City of St. Louis was enhanced by team policing.

Throughout his distinguished career of 25 years as a member of the St. Louis Police Department, Capt. Carraway has been regarded as an unusually capable professional. He holds an undergraduate degree from Webster College and a Master in Business Management degree from the same institution. He also serves as chairman of the local chapter of NOBLE (National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives).

Captain Charles Alphin has replaced Capt. Gay Carraway. Capt. Alphin has been a police officer for 17 years, and was recently promoted to captain. He has served in many different capacities, and during his stay in the Fourth District he helped to set up foot patrol beats at Laclede's Landing and the Convention Center. His continuing interest in foot patrol and his constant interest in young people should benefit our community greatly.

Charles Alphin is president of the Citizens' Committee for Academic and Athletic Growth in University City, past-president of the University City Sports



Captain Gay Carraway

Captain Charles Alphin

Association, and a member of NOBLE. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in law enforcement and criminal correction from Northeast Missouri State College. A reception to honor Capt. Carraway and Capt. Alphin for their service to the Seventh District police and the Skinker-DeBaliviere community has been set for Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Grace and Peace Fellowship Hall, 6003 Kingsbury. Sponsors of the reception are Central West End Savings and Loan, Pantheon Corporation, McPherson Management, Pitzman Engineering and Surveying, Crossroads School, and Grace and Peace Fellowship.

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Other resources available at each EOC office cover 180 educational institutions in Illinois and Missouri, catalogs and booklets on educational institutions and information for clients who have not completed high school.

The Educational Opportunity Centers operate under a grant from the U.S. Department of Education and contributed services of area colleges, universities and libraries.

Neighbors Endorse Freeze

by Stephen Schaefer

The Rosedale Neighbors Association has endorsed the Nuclear Weapons Freeze proposal and has voiced this endorsement in a letter to Senator John Danforth. The issue was raised at the Pot Luck Dinner/Business Meeting in Scariot Hall of St. Roch's Church on Nov. 17, 1982. Reverend David Musgrave of St. Mark's presented the proposal on behalf of the St. Louis Committee for a Nuclear Weapons Freeze and discussed reasons for the organization to endorse the Freeze.

The proposal reads as follows: PROPOSAL FOR A MUTUAL UNITED STATES-SOVIET NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREEZE

"To improve national and international security, the United States and the Soviet Union should stop the nuclear arms race.

Specifically, the United States should propose to the Soviet Union a mutual freeze on the testing, production, and deployment of nuclear weapons and of missiles and new aircraft designed primarily to deliver nuclear weapons.

"This is an essential and verifiable first step toward lessening the risk of nuclear war, reducing the arms race, and building a healthy, secure economy based on the priorities of creating jobs and meeting human needs."

The issue was also raised at the Jan. 11 meeting of the Washington Heights Neighbors Board of Directors where the issue was discussed but not voted on. Parkview Agents declined to discuss the matter at their Jan. 18 meeting.

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After Six Years on the School Board

An Interview with Marj Weir and Betty Klinefelter

by Marcia Kerz

April 12, 1983, will mark the last School Board meeting for Marj Weir of the 6100 block of Westminster and Betty Klinefelter of the 6100 block of Kingsbury. After six demanding years as members of the St. Louis Board of Education, Marj and Betty will not be running for re-election. Since 1977 when both women were elected, the School Board has faced significant and even historic challenges in school desegregation, a teacher's strike, budget reductions, selection of a new superintendent, revision of the corporal punishment policy and the need to upgrade the classification rating for the district. With the imminent departure from the Board of two of our community's finest citizens *The Paper* interviewed Betty and Marj to gain their unique perspective of the progress and hard times in the St. Louis Public Schools over the last six years.



Marj Weir (left) and Betty Klinefelter

Paper: What do you think were a few of the significant accomplishments of the Board during your term?

Weir: I would mention three areas in which I saw positive changes. First, the school system was able to implement a peaceful and constructive desegregation plan which continues to focus on educational needs. Secondly, in the 1980-81 school year, we were able to regain the AAA classification rating from the state Board of Education, which is the highest rating given to school districts. Another important change I felt very strongly about was the policy regarding corporal punishment, which allowed such punishment under certain conditions. After six years of work on the issue, the policy was revised in 1982 and corporal punishment is no longer permitted.

Klinefelter: The adoption of a competency-based education plan which resulted in positive changes in the system was a great accomplishment. As a part of that plan, we changed to a new standardized test — the California Achievement Test. The purpose of the plan is to assure that the system graduates competent individuals who have mastered all the basic skills. Already we have seen marked improvements in test scores. Another area is the expansion of pre-school academies for three- and four-year-olds. In 1977 the school system had one, and we now have six programs. As part of the desegregation plan, the school system has been able to expand the magnet school programs, and I think this expansion is very positive. We have some of the finest programs around in our magnet schools.

Paper: What were your most challenging moments on the Board?

Klinefelter: When the Appeals Court reversed the decision in the desegregation case in 1980, we had to undergo a complete shift in our emphasis and work around the clock in devising a strong educational desegregation plan. It was by far one of the greatest challenges before us, and we were pleased with the results of everyone's hard work.

Weir: The financial blow to the District over the last few years through cut-backs in state and federal funds has forced the finances of districts to be considered a constant and major challenge. I don't see any major changes in the future. School finance, in my opinion, will remain a very bleak picture and will have an impact on the basic educational necessities. Another continuing challenge relates to the special needs and special problems of an urban district, which very few policymakers understand or recognize. We have to worry about so many additional concerns such as the urban poor, health, security and attendance, as a few examples. I doubt whether these four items were a great issue in many suburban districts. The St. Louis Board of Education spends an enormous amount of time on these issues, all of which have an impact on our ability to deliver quality education to students.

Paper: What do you see as the greatest overall concerns to face the new Board over the next few years?

Weir: Again, I would emphasize the financial difficulties of public education as a great concern. Also, encouraging qualified individuals to run for the Board of Education seems to be a problem.

People aren't as willing to serve on the Board today primarily because of the time involved. A good board member may end up spending 50 to 60 hours a month on Board business, not including the time spent reviewing materials and worrying about specific problems. Another overall concern or challenge to the new Board is that of reviving a sense of public commitment to public education. The general public needs to recognize the critical importance of public education, and the Board of Education can and should assume a leadership role in this challenge.

Klinefelter: Maintaining many of the programs and policies implemented over the last several years will be an enormous task for the new Board. The desegregation plan and all of its educational components, competency based education, the new policy on corporal punishment and the tightening up of the Discipline Code plus many other policy issues will require a strongly united and committed Board of Education. They will have to be willing to invest extensive time and energy to maintain present policies and to look ahead to new challenges and problems which will face them during the 1980s.

Paper: What about the possibility of sub-districts for election of School Board members?

Klinefelter: I am strongly opposed to sub-districts. I believe that all School Board members should be responsible to represent all children. Sub-districts, in my opinion, would make board membership a political football and thus create a great amount of divisiveness among the members. It is an insult to imply to present

board members that they cannot represent all children. Because of the unification of the board we have been able to move in a very positive direction over the last several years. This would not have been possible under sub-districting.

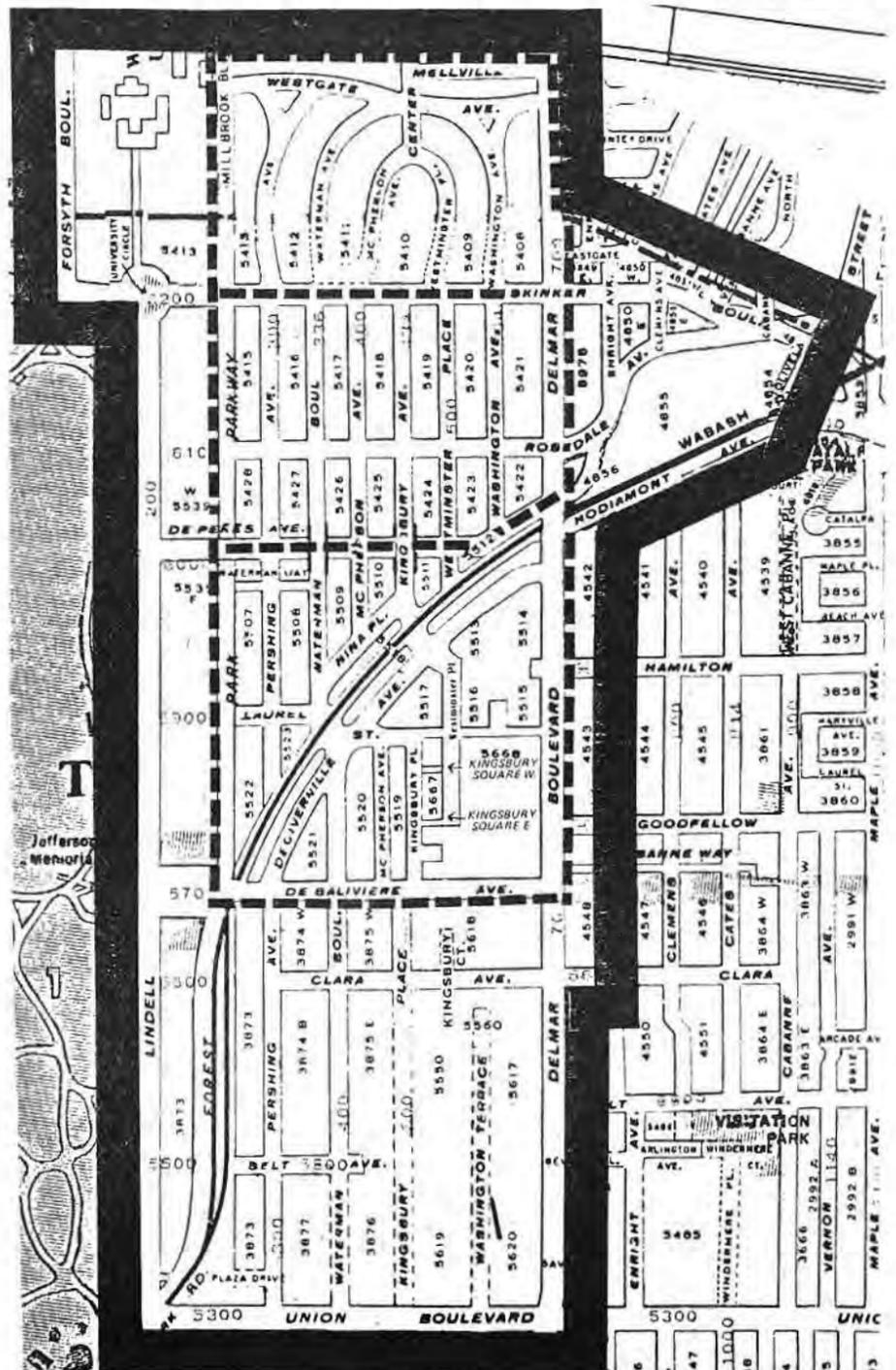
Weir: The concept of representing just a portion of St. Louis through sub-districts is a dangerous concept. Sub-districting will make it very difficult to look at the "whole" and, in my opinion, may result in very overt control by political factions. Moving to sub-districts will politicize and divide the school system and will jeopardize the overall goal—that of a fair and equitable education for all children. I believe that continuation of the status quo is the main interest of regionalism. Sub-districts will make it extremely difficult to deal with the educational problems facing the

schools and will make it almost impossible to deal with such issues as the closing of schools.

Paper: What are some of your final thoughts as you leave the board?

Weir: With the selection of the new superintendent, Dr. Jerome Jones, the board will be working with an individual with unique training in urban problems. I have every confidence that the new board will work positively with Dr. Jones as we move into the 1980s. I hope that the board will continue to work in a unified and cohesive manner in solving educational problems and that they will be able to recognize that they cannot solve all the problems. In their struggles to revive a sense of public commitment to the St. Louis public schools, I hope that the board will strive toward a good relationship between the city and the school system. Six years on the Board of Education is a long time, and while I know I will miss the challenges, I am looking forward to other interests within and outside of education.

Klinefelter: I am extremely enthusiastic about our new superintendent, Dr. Jones. What he needs now is a board, administration and community that will get behind him and work with him in solving some of the problems in education. Dr. Jones is child-oriented and has developed excellent relations with the business community in previous positions, which should serve as a benefit in starting out in St. Louis. I would have to say that the most enjoyable experience I had in my six years was knowing and working with Dan Schlafly and the other wonderful people on the board, in the administration and the community at large. As I leave, I intend to keep in touch with the schools through special activities and through my grandson who is an enthusiastic eleven-year-old student in one of the magnet programs.



SDCC Articles of Incorporation

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

SKINKER-DEBALIVIERE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, INC. A General Not-For-Profit Corporation

Honorable James C. Kirkpatrick
Secretary of State
State of Missouri
Jefferson City, Missouri, 65101

We, the undersigned,

Rev. Robert M. Peet, 6052 Waterman Avenue, St. Louis, MO
Rev. Wesley H. Hager, 6199 Waterman Avenue, St. Louis, MO
Rev. LaRue A. Loughhead, 6195 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, MO
John D. Flynn, 6123 McPherson Avenue, St. Louis, MO
Patrick Prosser, 5824 DeGiverville Avenue, St. Louis, MO

being natural persons of the age of twenty-one or more and citizens of the United States, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the "General Not For Profit Corporation Law" of the State of Missouri, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

- I. The name of the corporation is: Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, Inc.
- II. The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.
- III. The address of its initial registered office in the state of Missouri is 705 Olive Street in the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri (63101) and the name of its initial Registered Agent at said address is Richard C. Hart.
- IV. The first Board of Directors shall be five in number, their names and addresses being as follows:

Rev. Robert M. Peet, 6052 Waterman Avenue, St. Louis, MO
Rev. Wesley H. Hager, 6199 Waterman Avenue, St. Louis, MO
Rev. LaRue A. Loughhead, 6195 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, MO
John D. Flynn, 6123 McPherson Avenue, St. Louis, MO
Patrick Prosser, 5814 DeGiverville Avenue, St. Louis, MO

V. The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are to serve the residents and business men of the entire St. Louis Metropolitan Area, concentrating in particular on the western portion of the City of St. Louis lying between Forest Park on the South (sic) and Delmar Boulevard on the North (sic), by promoting the welfare of the community, creating and establishing a medium of co-operation among its residents, businessmen, and the organizations serving them, and by fostering and encouraging measures conducive to the improvement of the community and its resources.

VI. Any organization or association, corporate or otherwise, having an interest in the welfare and development of the area in which the corporation shall operate, as provided above, is eligible for membership in the corporation, and only such organizations or associations are eligible for membership.

DATED 18 MARCH 1966

Proposed Additions to Articles of Incorporation

THE COMMITTEE PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION: delete #V above and put in its place #VI below; delete #VI above and insert #'s VI+f below.

V. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are to coordinate and facilitate neighborhood development, social services, and interaction among the constituent members of the corporation within the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council Service Area (hereinafter called the "SDCC Service Area"), recognizing that the actions of the corporation are both the product and the process of the interactions of those who live and work in the area. Without in anyway limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Corporation shall:

- a) act as the recognized liaison between its members as a unit and the various governmental, corporate and institutional entities in those matters which effect the SDCC Service Area as a unit;
- b) provide a forum for discussion and a platform for collective action according to the policies of its Board of Directors, the leadership of its staff, and the energy of its constituent members;
- c) endeavor to provide cohesive and consistent deliberative action for the SDCC Service Area as a unit and attempt to resolve differences between its constituent members through successful conflict management;
- d) seek to enhance the physical, cultural, economic, and social welfare of the SDCC Service Area through marketing, public relations, and residential services;
- e) respond to daily needs and problems of its constituent members and residents through the action of its staff;
- f) develop goals for the SDCC Service Area as a unit;
- g) audit, measure, and report to the community on a regular basis the success of the corporation in obtaining said goals.

In addition, it is a further purpose of the corporation to make contributions to any not-for-profit corporation, fund, or foundation which is created or organized in the United States of America and, within the meaning of Section 501(C)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, is organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private individual or shareholder, and does not participate in or intervene in, including the publishing or distributing of statements, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ADD THE FOLLOWING NEW ARTICLES

VI. The boundaries of the SDCC Service Area are set forth below and are established as follows:

Beginning at a point at the intersection of Lindell and Union Boulevards, thence generally in a clockwise direction along the center line of the following streets, alleys, City Limits, and boundaries: Lindell, Skinker, Forsyth, the southern prolongation of Melville, Delmar, St. Louis City Limits, Olive, and in a straight line across the Wabash Railroad tracks to Hodiament, the north alley of Delmar, Clara, Delmar, Union to the point of beginning.

VII. No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall, within the meaning of the United States federal income tax laws, inure to the benefit of any private individual. The corporation shall not engage, nor shall its income or assets be used, in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

VIII. The corporation shall have all the powers, necessary and proper to the achievement of the aforementioned purposes, as set forth in the General Not-for-Profit Law of the Missouri Revised Statutes at Chapter 355, or in any subsequent appropriate Missouri statute.

IX. In addition, but not in anyway of limitation of the generality of the foregoing, the corporation, through its Board of Directors, shall have full power and authority to invest and reinvest the properties and funds of the corporation, including the proceeds gained from the sale or other disposition of any corporation property, in all types of securities, including, but not limited to, common and preferred stocks, participation in a common fund, bonds, notes, and debentures, whether secured or unsecured, or in any other property, real or personal, whether secured or unsecured, that the Board of Directors may consider sound investments, without being restricted to the type of investments designated by law as or held to be lawful investments for trust funds, and without regard to any rules of law relative to or requiring diversification. The Corporation, through its Board of Directors, also shall have full power and authority to retain as investments of the corporation (without any duty of diversification in regard thereto, and with no responsibility whatsoever for any loss, including, but not limited to, decrease or diminution in value which may result from such retention or from failure of diversification), any stock, securities, or other property, regardless of the source from which or the time when it was received by the corporation, and the mere fact that in the absence of this authorization the Board of Directors might be under a duty or might deem it advisable to sell part or all of said assets for the purpose of securing diversification of investment, shall not require the Board of Directors to do so if they deem the investment desirable and would otherwise retain it.

X. Membership requirements, voting rights of members, and other provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of this corporation shall be as set forth in the Bylaws, which shall be subject to amendment as specified therein; provided, however, that nothing contained in said Bylaws shall be inconsistent with the laws of the State of Missouri.

XI. Upon dissolution or liquidation of this corporation, the assets shall be distributed as set out in Section 355.230 of the Missouri Revised Statutes, provided that after the payment of the obligations set forth in paragraph 1 thereof, if any, and the return of assets held on condition as set forth in paragraph 2, if any, the remaining assets of the corporation shall be distributed, under the provisions of paragraph 3 thereof, to the extent possible to those agencies and organizations of the type therein described which, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, are engaged in activities similar or most closely analogous to those for which this corporation is established; and provided further, that under no circumstances shall any of the assets of this corporation be distributed to an agency or organization which is not organized and operated for exempt purposes within the purview of Section 501(C)3, or such section as it may be amended or a corresponding provision of a prior law.

Proposed SDCC By-Laws

ARTICLE ONE: NAME

1.1 The Corporation is and shall be called "The Skinker -DeBaliviere, Community Council, Inc." (hereinafter called "SDCC").

ARTICLE TWO: BOUNDARIES

2.1 SDCC Service Area

The boundaries of the SDCC Service Area are set forth below and are established as follows: Beginning at a point at the intersection of Lindell and Union Boulevards, thence generally in a clockwise direction along the center line of the following streets, alleys, City Limits, and boundaries: Lindell, Skinker, Forsyth, the souther prolongation of Melville, Delmar, St. Louis City Limits, Olive, and in a straight line across the Wabash Railroad tracks to Hodiamont, the north alley of Delmar, Clara, Delmar, Union, to the point of beginning [See: Appendix II].

2.2 SDCC Core Area

The SDCC Core Area shall be the aggregate geographical area within the SDCC Service Area which is represented by SDCC Neighborhood Association Members. The initial Neighborhood Association Members are the Washington Heights Neighbors, the Rosedale Neighbors, and the Parkview Agents [See: Appendix II].

ARTICLE THREE: MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Classification

Membership in the SDCC shall be of five (5) classes: Neighborhood Association Members, Institutional Members, Business Association Members, Corporate Members, and Residents Association Members.

3.2 Neighborhood Association Members

Shall be neighborhood associations, agents, or trustees serving group of residents from a limited and exclusive geographical area within the SDCC Service Area, which shall conform with these Bylaws and the SDCC Rules of Operation and have been accepted as a Neighborhood Association Member by the Board of Directors (hereinafter called "the Board").

3.3 Institutional Members

Shall be not-for-profit organizations located within or immediately adjacent to the SDCC Service Area, which conform with these Bylaws and the SDCC Rules of Operation, and have been accepted as an Institutional Member by the Board.

3.4 Business Association Members

Shall be associations of businesses located within the SDCC Service Area, which conform with these Bylaws and the SDCC Rules of Operation and have been accepted as a Business Association Member by the Board.

3.5 Corporate Members

Shall be businesses or corporations with an interest in the welfare and development of the SDCC Service Area which have made a donation to the SDCC and which conform with these Bylaws and the SDCC Rules of Operation, and have been accepted as a Corporate Member by the Board.

3.6 Residents Association Members

Shall be limited to one organization comprized of dues paying individuals and families who reside in the SDCC Service Area, and conform with these Bylaws and the SDCC Rules of Operation, and have been accepted as a Residents Association by the Board.

3.7 Qualifications: Neighborhood and Business Associations

All Neighborhood and Business Association Members shall:

- be totally situated within the SDCC Service Area;
- have limited and exclusive geographical boundaries;
- have sufficient populations or area to warrant equitable representation with other Members;
- pay all dues and other such assessments in a timely manner;
- comply with all of the requirements set forth in these Bylaws, the SDCC Rules of Operation, and such other resolutions adopted by the Board.

3.8 Application Procedures: Neighborhood and Business Associations

All applications for membership as a Neighborhood or Business Association shall be submitted to the President. Applications shall include:

- The name of the association;
- The names, residential and business addresses and telephone numbers of the principal officers;
- The boundaries of the association;
- Copies of the association's Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules of Operation and all other pertinent organizational information including financial and budget statements;
- An affidavit signed by all officers of the association stating that the association will abide by these Bylaws, SDCC Rules of Operation, and such other resolutions adopted by the Board.

3.9 Boundary Changes: Neighborhood and Business Associations

a) Any annexation, secession or usurpation of any part or all of area represented by a Neighborhood or Business Association Member will not be recognized by the SDCC unless accompanied by a petition signed by at least 51% of the registered voters residing in the area in question, in the case of a Neighborhood Association Member, or 51% of the businesses operating in the area in question in the case of a Business Association Member.
b) Any annexation of an area not represented by a Neighborhood or Business Association Member by a Neighborhood or Business Association Member will not be recognized by the SDCC unless approved by a majority vote of the Board.

3.10 Expulsion of a Member

Any Member may be expelled from the SDCC by a three-fourths vote of the Board at a duly constituted meeting provided that a motion for expulsion was included in the written notice of such meeting and provided further that before such a vote is taken, all officers and Directors of such a member shall be given at least thirty (30) days written notice of the proposed action, mailed to their addresses as they appear on the records of the SDCC, and shall be thereafter afforded an opportunity to be heard at the meeting. Such notice shall be deemed to have been received by the designated recipients thereof on the day on which, in the normal course of the mails, it would be delivered to such addresses. For the purpose of this Section, the Directors elected/appointed by the Member whose expulsion is being considered shall not be entitled to vote nor shall they be considered in the determination of a quorum.

3.11 Resignation of a Member

Any Member of the SDCC may resign anytime, giving written notice to the President or to the Secretary of the Board. Such request shall take effect at the date of the receipt of such notice, or any later time specified therein, and unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

4.1 Powers and Authority

The Board shall have full power and authority to manage all of the property and affairs of the SDCC. The Board may exercise all such powers of the SDCC and do all lawful acts and things as are not by law, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws, directed or required to be exercised or done by some particular officer of the SDCC. Without in anyway limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Board is authorized to adopt rules and regulations regarding the operation of the SDCC; to hire and employ individuals to provide for the successful operation of the SDCC; to establish dues, assessments and fees; to establish standing and/or temporary committees; to delegate to such committees such powers, authorities and functions as the Board deems proper and to perform such other powers and authority as is appropriate to carry out the purposes and functions of the SDCC.

4.2 Classification of Membership

The Membership of the Board shall consist of five (5) classes: Neighborhood Directors, Institutional Directors, Business Directors, Residents Directors, and Associate Directors.

4.3 Neighborhood Directors: Number, Term of Office

a) Each Neighborhood Association Member in the SDCC area will have Directors according to the following formula: population 2000 plus or 20 blocks in area gives three (3) Directors; population 1000 to 1999 or 10 to 19 blocks in area gives two (2) Directors; population less than 1000 or less than 10 blocks in area gives one (1) Director. The term "block" means a one hundred designation on a street, including both sides of the street. (As an example: the 5900 block of Waterman and the 6200 block of Waterman are each one block.)

b) The terms of the Neighborhood Association Members Directors shall be two years and shall be staggered. Before 31 May 1983, each Neighborhood Association Member with three (3) Directors shall elect one for one year and two for two years, electing only for two year terms in subsequent years. Each Neighborhood Association Member with two (2) Directors shall, before 31 May 1983, elect one for one year and one for two years, electing only for two year terms in subsequent years. Each Neighborhood Association Member with one (1) Director shall, before 31 May 1983, elect one for two years, electing a Director every two years thereafter.

4.4 Institutional Directors: Number, Term of Office

a) The Board shall resolve which Institutional Members shall be allowed to appoint Institutional Directors no later than the first day of May each year, based solely on the Institutional Member's pledge in an amount acceptable to the Board.

b) Before 31 May 1983 and every year thereafter, each Institutional Member authorized by a resolution of the Board shall elect or appoint in a manner it deems appropriate one (1) Institutional Director for a term of one (1) year.

4.5 Business Directors: Number, Term of Office

Before 31 May 1983 and every year thereafter, each Business Association Member shall elect or appoint in a manner it deems appropriate, one (1) Business Director for a term of one (1) year.

4.6 Residents Directors: Number, Term of Office

Before 31 May 1983 and every year thereafter, the Residents Association Member shall elect in a manner it deems appropriate one (1) Residents Director for a term of one (1) year.

4.7 Associate Directors: Number, Term of Office

a) The primary function of Associate Directors is to substitute for their Members' Directors who are unable to attend scheduled Board meeting. The Associate Directors shall receive the same correspondence and meeting minutes as other Directors.

b) Before 31 May 1983 and every year thereafter, each Member entitled to elect or appoint Directors, regardless of classification, shall also elect or appoint in a manner it deems appropriate, the same number of associate Directors for a term of one (1) year.

4.8 Removal of Directors

Any Director or Associate Director may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the Board at a duly constituted meeting provided that a motion for removal was included in the written notice of such meeting, and provided further that before such a vote is taken, such Director shall be given at least ten (10) days written notice of the proposed action and shall be thereafter afforded an opportunity to be heard at the meeting. For the purpose of this Section, the Director whose removal is being considered shall not be entitled to vote nor shall s/he be considered in the determination of a quorum. If any Director fails to attend five (5) consecutive meetings of the Board, the Secretary, at his discretion or at the request of three (3) Directors, shall inquire into the circumstances of his absence. The Board may consider such continued absence justification for removal.

4.9 Resignation from the Board

Any Director may resign anytime giving written notice to the President or to the Secretary of the Board. Such request shall take effect at the date of the receipt of such notice, or any later time specified therein, and unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

4.10 Vacancies on the Board

In the event of a vacancy on the Board, that Director's Associate Director shall fill the vacancy. The Member shall then elect or appoint in a manner it deems appropriate a new Associate Director to serve for the remainder of the one (1) year term.

5.1 General

The Officers of SDCC shall consist of the Principal officers defined in Section 5.2 and such other officers as may be defined by resolution of the Board.

5.2 Principal Officers

The principal officers of SDCC shall be the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

5.3 President

The President shall preside at all meetings of SDCC and the Board, provided that s/he, the Vice President, or any other officer president in his absence, may delegate this duty to any other Member of the Board. Subject to the Board, s/he shall have general charge of the affairs of SDCC. S/he shall keep the Board of Directors fully informed, and shall freely consult with them concerning the affairs of SDCC.

5.4 Vice President

The Vice President shall have such powers and shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Board or the President. In the absence or disability of the President or at any time upon his request, the President's duties shall be performed and exercised by the Vice President.

5.5 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have custody of and be responsible for all of the funds of SDCC; and shall deposit and withdraw such funds from such banks or other depositories as shall be selected by and in accordance with resolutions adopted by the Board from time to time. He shall also have custody of and be responsible for the books of account of SDCC; and shall render statements of the receipts and disbursements and of the condition of SDCC at the Annual General Meeting of the Board and at such other times as requested by the Board. In the absence of the President and Vice President, the Treasurer shall preside at meetings of the Board.

5.6 Secretary

The Secretary shall attend to the giving of all notices of SDCC; s/he shall have general responsibility for the correspondence of SDCC; s/he shall maintain a list of all the Members of the Board with their current addresses which shall, at all reasonable times, be open to the examination of any Member of the Board; s/he shall keep the minutes of all meetings in appropriate books provided for the purpose. In the absence of the President, Vice President, and Treasurer, the Secretary shall preside at meetings of SDCC.

5.7 Powers and Duties, Generally

In addition to the functions set forth above, the officers of SDCC shall have the powers and perform the duties usually incident to such offices and any other powers and duties designated by the Board. Any two (2) offices may be held by the same person, except that the same person may not be President and Secretary, and all officers shall be Members of the Board.

5.8 Execution of Instruments on Behalf of SDCC

All contracts and other documents to be executed by SDCC shall be executed by such officer or officers as the Board may from time to time designate, or in the absence of such designation, by the President of the Board.

5.9 Election of Officers

The initial officers of SDCC shall be elected at the first meeting of the Board. Thereafter the principal officers of SDCC shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Board and shall hold office, at the pleasure of the Board, until the next annual General Meeting of the Board and until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified. Other officers may be elected for a specific term by resolution of the Board. A person may succeed himself in the same office without limitation. No person shall be elected to an office unless he receives a majority vote, and if more than two persons are nominated for any one office and no such person shall receive a majority vote, another vote shall be taken with respect to the two persons receiving the most votes. No person who is nominated for an office shall be entitled to vote thereon and if requested by any Board Member present, all persons nominated for an office shall not be present in the room at the time of the voting.

5.10 Removal from Office

Any officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the Board at a duly constituted meeting provided that a motion for removal was included in the written notice of such meeting, and provided further that before such a vote is taken, such officer shall be given at least ten (10) days-written notice of the proposed action and shall be thereafter afforded an opportunity to be heard at the meeting. For the purpose of this section, the officer whose removal is being considered shall not be entitled to vote nor shall he be considered in the determination of a quorum.

5.11 Resignation from Office

Any officer of SDCC may resign at any time by giving written notice to the President or the Secretary of SDCC. Such request shall take effect at the date of receipt of such notice, or at any later time specified therein, and unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

5.12 Vacancy in Office

Any vacant office shall be filled by a majority vote of the Directors or Associate Directors then serving at a duly constituted meeting thereof, according to the procedures in Section 5.9.

ARTICLE SIX: MEETINGS**6.1 Annual General Meeting of the Board of SDCC**

Upon notice as set out in Article Seven, the Annual General Meeting of the Board shall be held for the purposes of electing officers, and for the transaction of such other business as may be required by these Bylaws or the Rules of Operation and such other business as may be brought before the meeting. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of June at such a time and place as shall be determined by the President of SDCC, or in the absence of such determination, by the Secretary thereof.

6.2 Regular Meetings of the Board of SDCC

Upon notice as set out in Article Seven, Regular Meetings of the SDCC Board shall be every month on the second Monday of the month except for July and August in a place set out in the call to meeting notice.

6.3 Special Meetings of the Board of SDCC

Upon notice as set out in Article Seven, Special Meetings of the SDCC Board may be called at any time by the President and one other Director. Other than the change in date from the Regular Meetings, Special Meetings shall follow the same protocol as Regular Meetings.

6.4 Quorum

A quorum is necessary for the transaction of business, and the act of the majority of those present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the body. In the absence of a quorum, a majority of those present at a meeting, or any person, if there be only one (1) person, may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum be had. No notice other than the announcement at the meeting need be given of such adjournment. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws or the Articles of Incorporation, a simple majority of the Directors or their Associate Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of SDCC Board.

ARTICLE SEVEN: NOTICES**7.1 Notice of Meetings**

Unless waived as hereafter provided for in the Bylaws, written notice of each meeting, stating the place, day and hour of the meeting shall be mailed, postage prepaid, not less than five (5) nor more than twenty (20) days prior to the date of the meeting to each person entitled thereto at his address as it appears on the records of the Secretary of SDCC. Such notice may, but is not required to, state the purpose or purposes of the meeting, provided that any matter may be brought before such meeting, whether or not it is set forth in the notice of the meeting or whether or not any other purpose is set forth in the notice of the meeting. Such notice shall be deemed to have been received by the designated recipient thereof on the day on which, in the normal course of the mails, it would be delivered to such address.

7.2 Other Notices

All other notices to be sent shall be mailed postage prepaid, addressed to each person entitled thereto, at his address as the same appears on the records of the Secretary of SDCC.

7.3 Waiver of Notice

Whenever any notice is required to be given by the provisions of these Bylaws, by resolution of the Board, by law, or by any other authority, such notice may be waived and a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. Presence at a meeting by any person shall constitute a waiver of the notice of such meeting.

8.1 Board Meetings

Each Director, or in his/her absence, his/her Associate Director shall be entitled to one vote on all matters properly coming before a meeting of the Board.

8.2 Officers Voting

Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, each officer of SDCC, including the President, shall be entitled to a vote on all matters and in the same manner as any other Director and Associate Director at a meeting of the Board.

8.3 Voting Procedures

a) Voting: All votes shall be by voice except that any person entitled to a vote may request that a vote on any issue be by show of hands, roll call or secret ballot. In the event that a vote is to be taken by roll call, the Secretary, or in his/her absence such person as the President may designate, shall read off the names of those entitled to vote present at the meeting, and such person shall indicate his vote by an appropriate sign, and such vote shall be recorded by the Secretary or by such other person. If a vote by secret ballot is requested, the President shall appoint two (2)

inspectors of election who after allowing a reasonable time for the voting, shall collect, count, and report the same to the persons present. The Secretary, or such other person, shall announce and record the results of the vote. The ballots may be kept or destroyed as directed by the President.

b) Tie Voting: In the case of any tie vote on any matter properly present for a vote, the President (at his discretion) may either call for another vote or break the tie.

c) Proxies: No proxies, written or oral, shall be permitted and no person shall be entitled to vote at any meeting unless they are personally present at the same.

ARTICLE NINE: COMMITTEES**9.1 General**

The Board may establish such standing and special committees, and delegate such functions thereto, as it deems appropriate, including an Executive Committee to perform the general functions of the Board while it is not in session, and a Development and Finance Committee to regulate and control, upon consultation with the Executive Committee (if any) and with all persons charged with raising funds or engaged in activities involving expenditures of funds, through means of periodical budgets or otherwise all expenditures over fifty dollars (\$50) made by SDCC; provided that all standing committees shall be created, and their functions delegated by, appropriate rule(s) adopted in the Rules of Operation. The President, at the Annual General Meeting of the Board, shall appoint the chairman of each such committee and, in addition, such other members thereof as he deems appropriate, provided that if a Development and Finance committee is established, it shall be made up of the Treasurer, who shall be Chairman, and at least two (2) Institutional Directors; and provided further that if a Business Committee be established, it shall include all Business Directors (if any), one of which shall be chairman; and provided further that the principal staff person of the SDCC (if any) shall serve as an ex officio member of all committees. The existence of each standing committee

shall continue until appropriate change is made in the Rules of Operation, but each special committee shall function, unless reestablished, only until the next Annual General Meeting of the Board. The Board may delegate to the Executive Committee (if established) such of its functions as it may determine, except:

- the power which, pursuant hereto, are delegatable to the Development and Finance Committee;
- the power to elect or remove officers of SDCC;
- the power to remove a Member from the Board;
- the power to amend the Bylaws or the Rules of Operation;
- the power to hire or fire staff members;
- the power to establish committees of the SDCC or delegate or alter their functions;
- the power to review, amend or approve reports of the committees of SDCC, provided that the Executive Committee may establish its own special committees, the Chairman and other members of which (if any) shall be appointed by the President, and delegate to such committees such of its functions as it determines and the existence and relationship of such committees to the Executive Committee and the effect of their actions with respect to the Executive Committee shall be the same as that of the Board and its special committees; provided that the Executive Committee may hear, from time to time, such reports of SDCC Committees and officers as the committees and officers deem appropriate. If an Executive Committee is established the Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of its proceedings and the Committee shall meet, from time to time, at the call of the President, Secretary, or any two of its other members, at such place and time designated in the call, and the provisions of Articles Seven and Eight concerning notices, waivers of notices and voting, shall also apply with respect to the Executive committee. If a Development and Finance Committee is established, the Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all committee actions with respect to the regulation of expenditures by SDCC.

9.2 Committees Having Authority of the Board

Any committee, that by resolution of the Board, shall have and exercise the authority of the Board in the management of SDCC, shall consist of at least two (2) members of the Board.

9.3 Committee Reports

The Treasurer and each standing committee shall report on his or its activities at every regular meeting of the board and each special committee shall report to the Board at such times as called upon by the Board but at least once at or before the Annual General Meeting of the Board with which its authority ceases.

9.4 Effect of Committees or Officers Actions

The actions of each officer and committee of SDCC within the scope of his or its authority shall be deemed to be valid actions of SDCC, subject only to review of the Board. No action of any officer or committee covered by any report to the Board, no action of the Executive Committee recorded in its minutes of any meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Board at which its report is presented, may be altered after the meeting at which the report has been approved except by two-thirds vote of the Board, and no alteration may be retroactive in effect.

10.1 Purposes

The SDCC Residents Association shall have three purposes:

- To bring to the SDCC Board a concern for the entire SDCC neighborhood.
- To provide for direct and meaningful participation by residents living outside the SDCC Core Area.
- To raise funds for SDCC through dues from individuals and through events which make a profit. Dues structure shall be similar to other not-for-profit voluntary associations.

10.2 Membership and Dues

- Any resident or business person in the SDCC Service Area shall be able to become a member of the Residents Association by paying dues. Dues shall be collected on an annual basis and be at a rate to cover all costs and give to the operation of SDCC.
- Membership in the SDCC Residents Association is not a substitute for membership in the Neighborhood Associations of the SDCC Service Area. It is a mechanism whereby a concerned resident can take an active part in SDCC while not being on the Board or involved in the operation of the particular neighborhoods of SDCC. It gives an opportunity to demonstrate concern for the entire SDCC without taking away from concerns about parts of the SDCC area.

10.3 Annual Meeting and Election

The Residents Association shall meet once a year in May to select one of the members as a Director to the SDCC for a term of one year according to Section 4.6 of the SDCC Bylaws, and an Associate Director according to Section 4.7 of the Bylaws. It is the responsibility of Director to attend SDCC meetings and represent the concern of all the SDCC area according to the purposes stated in Section 10.1.

ARTICLE ELEVEN: MISCELLANEOUS

11.1 SDCC Fiscal Year

The Fiscal Year of SDCC shall be the calendar year, that is from January 1 through December 31 of any year. Preliminary budget recommendations shall be completed in December for presentation at the Board meeting that month and subject to approval of the Board at its January meeting.

11.2 Rules of Operation

The Board shall establish and keep current a set of Rules of Operation in which shall be compiled all of the Board resolutions which the Board deems to be of sufficient importance and continuing effect to warrant inclusion therein.

11.3 Amendments

The Board shall have the power to amend and/or repeal the Bylaws of SDCC by a two-thirds vote of the Board at a duly constituted meeting, provided that a motion to amend the bylaws must be made either to the Secretary, in which case the written notice of the next subsequent meeting of the Board shall state the motion and vote on the agenda; or by voice at any meeting of the Board, in which case the vote shall be taken at the next subsequent meeting of the Board.

RULES OF OPERATION FOR SKINKER-DEBALIVIERE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

RULE ONE: Standing Committees and Their Function

The following shall consist of standing committees and their function:

- Executive Committee:** Composed of the principal officers of the SDCC Board, the Executive Committee shall exercise (except as provided in Section 9.1 of the Bylaws) all of the functions and responsibilities of the Board while not in session; evaluate programs for the Board's consideration and set the agenda for all meetings; act as the principal advisory council for the staff; and have all the rights, privileges, and duties of the Board to the extent permitted by said Section 9.1 of the bylaws.
- Development and Finance Committee:** To regulate, control and budget (within the provisions of Section 9.1 of the Bylaws) the expenditures of the SDCC and to set goals, conduct and coordinate all activities of SDCC in regard to fundraising; and to present a proposed budget for consideration at the regular monthly meeting prior to the start of the fiscal year.
- Rules and Membership Committee:** To rule on all parliamentary questions; to review and make recommendations to the Board on all proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws and these Rules of Operation; to prepare, print, and distribute the annual report of SDCC and such other publications as the Board from time to time directs; and to review and make recommendations to the Board on all applications for membership.
- Housing Committee:** To gather and quantify information on housing stock, land use, code enforcement, and units for sale and rent; to establish, maintain, and market a residential service to promote the SDCC Service Area; to seek out and publicize public and private sector programs to assist current homeowners; and to initiate and review grant applications.
- Social Welfare Committee:** To initiate, coordinate and assist various social welfare programs in the SDCC Service Area, with special emphasis on those in need due to age or handicap; to initiate and coordinate various programs pertaining to police-community relations, education, health, the arts, and recreation.
- Business Committee:** To research, recommend and assist in improving the business climate of the SDCC Service Area; to bring new businesses into the area; and to develop means to assist residents in finding employment in the Service Area.

RULE TWO: DUES, ASSESSMENTS, FEES, AND PLEDGES

- SDCC can establish dues, assessments or fees for services rendered when these would help pay for the costs involved and make the services rendered more compatible with the purposes of the SDCC. Such "user fees" are subject to the review of the Board and shall come from recommendations of the staff of SDCC.
- Dues for the Residents Members and Neighborhood Organizations can be collected jointly in such a way as to give maximum tax advantage to the member and yet be divided according to an administratively operational payment arrangement appropriate to all using the mechanism. Example is attached.

RULE THREE: STAFF

- In general, SDCC shall have two staff members and a bookkeeper. The principal staff member shall be called the Executive Director; the second staff member may be called the Secretary or such other title as fits the position description.
- The Board hires the Executive Director who in turn directs the day to day operations of the SDCC office, including hiring and supervising all staff and any other operational elements of SDCC.
- The Executive Director is selected using a search committee composed of the presidents of the Neighborhood Association Members and the Institutional Members. The process in each case of selection is determined by the Board.
- Complaints about the general management of the SDCC office shall go to the Executive Director. Complaints about the Executive Director shall go to the President of the Board in writing. S/he in turn shall bring it before the Executive Committee for their decision to put it on the agenda of the Board.
- All staff of SDCC shall be reviewed annually by a committee of the Board or the Executive Committee. Such periodic reviews shall supplement the council of the Executive Committee to the Executive Director and be more frequent during the first year a staff member is working for SDCC.
- Reappointment of the Executive Director (to be written)
- Vacation policy (use existing policy)
- Sick Leave policy (use existing policy)

RULE FOUR: MISCELLANEOUS

- Amendments:** The Board shall have the power to amend and/or repeal the Rules of Operations of SDCC by a majority vote of the Board at a duly constituted meeting, provided that a motion to amend by Rules must be made either to the Secretary, in which case the written notice of the next subsequent meeting of the Board shall state the motion and vote on the agenda; or by voice at any meeting of the Board, in which case the vote shall be taken at the next subsequent meeting of the Board, provided that the Rules and Membership Committee (if any) has reviewed and made recommendations concerning the proposed amendment.
- Unless otherwise noted, Robert's Rules of Order is the official procedural manual of SDCC.

APPENDICES TO THE SKINKER-DEBALIVIERE BYLAWS

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Neighborhood Targeted by City

February 24 Seminar to Explain Impact

The recently developed plan for the Mayor's war on urban blight has raised some interesting questions and issues. The Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council has scheduled an educational program, the "City Plan Seminar" (Thursday, Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m. at the Hamilton School), to introduce the concepts and means of implementation of Operation Impact.

This program will have a direct effect on our community. One target area is within our boundaries: Laurel to Des Peres, Waterman to Delmar. The slated target areas have been designated for exterior code enforcement, spot blighting, and special city assistance through the Neighborhood Assistance Center Liaison Officer, Angelo Sita.

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Rosedale Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

It's been an exciting two months, especially because of the holidays. The children were at home all day and really livened up the neighborhood. They bravely faced their return to school complete with midterms and entrance exams.

The holiday season was sparked by the West End Christmas Walk. On December 12, several neighborhood homes were opened for viewing, displaying their Christmas and holiday decorations. About a thousand visitors enjoyed the homes as well as refreshments and maps available at the Community Council Office.

Rosedale continued the holiday spirit with the delightful presentation of "A Child's Christmas in Wales" by Dylan Thomas, which was read by Arline Webb, Rocco DiLorenzo and Dan Shea, on December 13, at Grace Methodist Church. A reception was held afterwards by the Rosedale Neighborhood Association.

Delores Hoelfel and her family, 6100 McPherson, went to England for the holidays to visit her husband, Gene, who has been working there. Mary and Bill Christman, 6000 Kingsbury, spent eight days of their holidays vacationing in the Yucatan. They stayed on Isla Mujeres — Island of Women — and enjoyed sunning and snorkeling.

By this summer, the neighborhood will be facing a moderate population explosion. Ann McKerrow FitzGibbons, our new Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council executive director, and her husband, Bill FitzGibbons, 6100 Pershing, are expecting their first baby in May. Paper editor King Schoenfeld and wife Dee will be enjoying the wait for their second child, due at the end of July. Jane and John Geer, 6100 Kingsbury, are expecting their second child in May. Sandy and Rohn Price, 6100 Westminister, are also expecting their second child sometime in July. These expected children are in addition to the Bell-McLafferty's and the Pitt's, previously reported here. Believe it or not, there are even more to report later.

Many folks enjoyed visits from out-of-town relatives this holiday season. Karen Kelsey, 6000 Kingsbury, and Gordon Gregg, 6100 Westminister, were visited by their parents from California. Bob and Betty Newsham and family, 6100 Kingsbury, had an enjoyable visit from Bob's sister Clare from Seattle, Washington.

In advance of the spring-summer baby boom, Dick Tollkuhn and Jane Clanton, 6100 Pershing, gave birth to a baby girl — Kenian — last November. Also in November, Molly McCarthy, daughter of Jim and

Anne McCarthy, 6100 Kingsbury, was married to Ron Slominski at St. Roch's. The date was Nov. 26 and the reception was held at the Busch Center of St. Louis University.

Things are very busy at the Buckley home, 6000 Westminister. Rebecca (Buckley) Gavinski is home from Germany visiting her parents, Kitty and Michael Buckley. Rebecca is expecting a baby and due to deliver before this reaches your porch steps. Her husband, Timothy, will be arriving in April and then the couple and their new baby will be traveling to Kentucky, where Timothy will be stationed at Fort Campbell. Kitty and Michael's other daughter, Mary Boerschig, had a baby boy, Andrew Michael, on June 19. Their son, Michael, was one of five chosen from his class at the Marine school in Baltimore for the Naval Reserves, where he will be an ensign. Their daughter, Linda, is in the Air Force in Boston.

Welcome to 6000 Washington to Bob and Phyllis Towns, formerly of 6100 Pershing. They are the parents of Judy Vinson, 6100 Westminister.

Life Skills Honors Blueberry Hill

Joe and Linda Edwards, owners of Blueberry Hill, a University City pub and restaurant, and Patricia Kennedy, operations manager of Blueberry Hill, received the Employer of the Year award at the Sixth Annual Life Skills Banquet.

Blueberry Hill employee Sandy Brown was awarded the Woman Employee of the Year award by Life Skills at the event.

Life Skills Foundation for the Retarded sponsors the event to honor retarded individuals for special achievement and for recognizing members of the community for their support of the disabled.

Mary Piazza, Life Skills placement director, said, "Blueberry Hill received the award for its consistent efforts in providing work opportunities for the disabled." She added that it had not only hired Life Skills graduates, but also disabled persons from other agencies as well as those not with an agency.

Mayor Vincent C. Schoemehl was the featured speaker at the banquet, attended by over 800 persons.

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SDCC Off to a Fast Start in 1983

by Ann FitzGibbons

In order to keep the community aware and involved with matters that directly affect our neighborhood, I will be providing up-to-date information from the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council.

PROPOSED BYLAWS—This present issue of "The Neighborhood Paper" contains the proposed bylaws to the Community Council. Everyone is urged to read them carefully and make suggestions. These new bylaws will be discussed and voted on at the Feb. 14 meeting of the Council, to be held in Delmar Baptist Church's basement hall at 7:30 p.m.

BLOCK WATCHERS—The Block Watchers program for the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhoods will become active once again. This extremely important program will be very effective if everyone demonstrates an interest. A meeting of the block captains is scheduled for Feb. 28 at the Skinker-DeBaliviere office at 8 p.m. Each captain will receive information prior to the meeting. Others who are interested are invited to attend.

GOOD SAMARITAN NETWORK—A first-of-its-kind effort in the United States, the Network recruits citizens to help ease at the neighborhood level the fear, frustration and helplessness of victims of crime. Its purpose: to provide victims with personal contact and assistance from the time the crime occurs until its eventual resolution in the criminal justice system. Neighbors are the most important part of this network. You can help!

There are three ways to become a "Good Samaritan." You can be a dues-paying member, an active volunteer or a dues-paying member and an active volunteer. For more information contact the SDCC office at 862-5122 or The Good Samaritan Network at 531-2597. More information will be provided at the Block Captains' meeting Monday, Feb. 28, at 8 p.m. at the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council office.

PANTHEON DONATION—The Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council extends its appreciation to the Pantheon Corporation for its recent contribution.

ART IN THE OFFICE—The Skinker-DeBaliviere Community has many fine artists within its boundaries. The Council office is the proud showcase of many works of art by Bill Kohn, John Bjerklie, Ted Smith, Ken Anderson, Patrick Shuck, and Nancy Rice, all of whom live in our neighborhood. Other artists' works on display are by Fred Nelson, Jack Canepa and Leila Daw from St. Louis. These works are on extended loan.

NEW BUSINESS IN SKINKER-DEBALIVIERE—A hearty welcome is extended to the Signet Arts Gallery, owned and operated by Mr. George S. Schelling at 360 N. Skinker Blvd. Everyone is invited to visit the gallery to view the fine collection of artwork on exhibition. Hours are Wednesday-Friday, 11-6 p.m., Saturday, 11-5 p.m.

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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM—The Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council has been approved by the state of Missouri to raise funds for a revolving loan fund. This fund will provide our community with low-interest loans for home improvements and code abatement. The Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council will be responsible for raising the funds necessary to implement this program. All members of our community are asked to assist the Council in achieving this task by providing us with information about companies and corporations that can contribute to our program. Please contact the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council at 862-5122 if you have any information that will facilitate our fund-raising efforts.

Neighbors to Help Neighbors Through New Program

The Skinker-DeBaliviere Community has proven to be a truly caring neighborhood. The residents, St. Roch's Church, Delmar Baptist Church, Grace United Methodist Church, Grace and Peace Fellowship and Washington University have always provided our community with valuable social services, assisting the elderly, handicapped and those in need. As a result of a proposal made by members of St. Roch's Executive Committee, a centralized social welfare office is being organized to coordinate services to better serve our community.

The office, which will be located at the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, 6008 Kingsbury, will coordinate assistance in three different areas:

Referral Service Assistance

Volunteers will help those who do not know where to go for specific services. The office volunteers will have complete in-

formation on how, why, where to go, whom to call, and what to ask for. This valuable service will help with questions and ease the frustrations of those who can't afford to get caught up in government paper work.

Neighbor to Neighbor

This service will help neighbors help others. For those who need help around the house, shoveling snow, raking leaves, and other tasks there will be a neighbor available to help.

Special Assistance for Special Needs

Food, clothing and assistance will be coordinated through the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council office. Efforts presently underway will be centralized to facilitate services.

This program can have a positive effect on our community if everyone gets involved. If you want to help, volunteer. Please call the Skinker-DeBaliviere office at 862-5122 or Ray Breun at 863-0750.

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The new Will Doctor "gourmet" meat market and deli opened at 5513 Pershing Jan. 13. Owner Morris Timmons told The Paper that he features top-grade, cut-to-order meats. Now open 9-9 weekdays and 10-5 Sundays, the store will have its grand opening Feb. 4.

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Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council Reports

December SDCC Meeting:

Washington Heights Neighbors Withdrawal Accepted

by Karen Bynum

The Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council (SDCC) held its regular monthly meeting on Dec. 20, 1982, in the lunchroom of St. Roch's school building. There were eight neighborhood and institutional representatives present as well as an observer from DeBaliviere Place, Bruce Yampolsky, and SDCC Executive Director Ann McKerrow FitzGibbons. Grace Methodist had a new representative, Ruth Durham. Also in attendance were several members of Washington Heights Neighbors (WHN), St. Roch's parish, and Alderman Dan McGuire.

Chairman Frank Burke requested changing the printed agenda to consider the WHN secession item earlier and Dan McGuire asked to add an item about the Hamilton Community School.

After several routine matters such as accepting minutes, treasurer's report, and commissioning the budget committee, the Council began the business of the evening.

Washington Heights Neighbors

Frank Burke reported receiving a letter from WHN withdrawing from the Council. (See box.) He remarked that the grievances are years old and he felt a better working relationship had been established in the last months. Despite the fact that a general meeting of WHN had resulted in a 26 to 16 decision to withdraw from SDCC, it in no way changes the Council's willingness to solve problems of the whole neighborhood. He regrets that many people will be unrepresented. Also the office of vice-president of the Council, formerly held by Harold Williams, will need to be filled.

Shirley Polk, a long-time WHN representative, said she will continue to attend Council meetings because she is a part of the neighborhood.

Harold Williams, president of WHN, then addressed the Council. He said the secession is not to be viewed as adversary. WHN feels they can better serve their own interests. They feel SDCC does not address their concerns, and they are spending too much time dealing with the actions of SDCC.

Frank said that the executive director will continue to send a copy of the agenda to the WHN president.

Ray Breun suggested that SDCC attempt to involve individuals directly from that part of the neighborhood and not filter efforts through the WHN organization.

Frank Burke pointed out that any

projects dealing with that area of the neighborhood between Des Peres and DeBaliviere will be decided upon by SDCC without consulting the WHN organization.

Karleen Hoerr raised two questions at this point: What is now a quorum and does the Council have a mechanism for accepting new representatives from areas?

Frank Burke ruled that as the Council now consists of 13 members (four from funding institutions, three from Parkview, and six from Rosedale), a quorum is seven. He referred the second question to Ray Breun who chairs the By-laws Revision Committee.

Ray stated that the current by-laws contain no process but the proposed set does.

Karleen then suggested that the Council could vote to accept any organization for membership as long as a quorum was present.

Chairman Burke pointed out that they would request from such an organization documentation of a public meeting and attendance lists to assure that a bona-fide organization did exist and an election had been held.

Ray Breun commented that SDCC does not exist to keep organizations happy but to solve problems of people.

At this point Willis Lloyd, a resident of Rosedale and property owner in Washington Heights, asked to address the Council. He stated that if any organization (he named DeGiverville, Inc., for example) sought to represent the Washington Heights area, many of the same people would join it and force it to secede also.

Peter Schmit moved and Ray Breun seconded that SDCC accept with regret the letter from the WHN president and that SDCC continue to maintain meaningful contact between the two organizations. This motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

Ann McKerrow FitzGibbons stated that she had hired a new secretary, Joyce Crigley.

The Christmas walk was estimated to have attracted over 1,000 people and all responses were positive. It has been suggested that this become an annual event and that a light decorating contest be added.

The Poetry Reading had about 200 people in attendance.

Ann reported that she has been working organizing the Feb. 6 retirement reception for Capt. Carroway by contacting businesses for donations. Dan McGuire sug-

gested that not only Capt. Alphin but also the four new lieutenants at the 7th District be invited so that neighbors could meet them all.

Ann announced that Pantheon Corp. had contributed \$500 to the SDCC general fund. Karleen Hoerr moved that \$200 be earmarked for *The Paper* and that SDCC provide a news release commending Pantheon for this gift. This motion passed.

According to Ann, the SDCC office will be open on Saturday, Jan. 8, to help in referrals to the Urban League's Homeowners' Assistance Program. Peter Schmit requested that a detailed flyer be prepared and distributed in the neighborhood so that residents know about this program and what the requirements and guidelines are.

An update on SDCC's actions following the fatal assault on Noah Kimbrough was next. A letter was sent to the 7th District commending them for the quick arrests and a letter was sent to the family offering aid. The only aid requested was a food donation which was provided. A fund has been established at Central West End Savings and Loan which can be used as the family sees fit, either to meet their needs or to establish a memorial for Noah.

Old Business

The executive director reported that the Neighborhood Assistance Grant request has been sent to the state and she expects to hear the results by Jan. 1, 1983.

SDCC Referrals Service

Ray Breun, St. Roch's representative, presented an implementation scheme to start serving personal needs of residents. He reminded the Council that it had adopted the principle in September and was waiting for the hiring of a new executive director. He suggested naming a Social Welfare Committee, and the SDCC chairman appointed Mary Watkins to chair. Also invited to be on the committee were Sr. Agnes Puricelli, Horace Busch, Shirley Polk, Karen Bynum, John Nelsen, Bob

Horner, Elizabeth Barron, Faith Smith, Rose Storey, Jim Kerr, and a representative each from Washington U. and DeBaliviere Place.

New Business—SYEP

The Summer Youth Employment Program will be funded through the Monsanto Fund and all ten participating organizations will compose a joint proposal. Ann has been working with the group which has established the following guidelines:

- The Metropolitan YMCA will be the central program coordinator.
 - Each participating organization will select its own kids.
 - Ages to be served are 14-21 years old.
 - The youth hired must be economically disadvantaged.
 - The program will employ them for 24 hours per week for six weeks.
 - The youths are required to help raise funds for the sponsoring organizations.
- Ann suggested using the youth workers to landscape public areas in the neighborhood and help in the Code Abatement Program.

Education Seminar on City Plans

An SDCC-sponsored seminar will be held in late February or early March, as code enforcement will start in April. The seminar will include an overview of the mayor's plan, sessions on code enforcement, spot blighting, and available self-help programs.

Community School Funding

Dan McGuire, 28th Ward Alderman, announced that in the bill passed by the Board of Aldermen Hamilton Community School would be fully funded. All that remains is for the School Board to sign the contract. He suggested that SDCC write letters to Board of Education members urging the signing of the contract.

January SDCC Meeting:

by David L. Garin

The Jan. 10 meeting of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council (SDCC) revealed a 1983 budget that topped \$190,000 and a flurry of future neighborhood events and programs. Executive Director Ann FitzGibbons discussed an ambitious program of fund-raising and advance planning that includes a City/County Consortium application for landscaping and beautification of several streets in SDCC through summer youth employment; a portable pool program for kids in the summer; a storyteller's program for the neighborhood in early summer; the "Rep (Theater) on the Road" to perform in SDCC on April 13; an Arts and Humanities Commission project this summer; and bus trips for the elderly and handicapped. In fact, even the SDCC office had a brighter look to it with several very noticeable paintings on loan from neighborhood artists.

Now, regarding that budget. The bulk of the \$191,000 is a Neighborhood Assistance Program grant from the state authorizing SDCC to seek \$146,650 of financial assistance from business firms for a Home Maintenance Loan and Assistance Program. Businesses which make investments in this

project are eligible for a state tax credit of 50 percent of the contribution, thus recouping 50 cents for every dollar contributed. The challenge is now up to SDCC, which will have to stimulate the business community to participate in a big way. (See SDCC report.) The remainder of the budget is ho-hum, with authorized expenditures of \$33,545, essentially the same as 1982.

Chairperson of the Social Welfare Committee, Mary Watkins, outlined an ambitious volunteer program that will have an immediate, positive effect on the neighborhood via aid and assistance in a variety of ways. (See related article in this issue.)

Ray Breun described the report on cable TV that he helped produce in October 1981. That report will now be sent to the City of St. Louis Cable Communications Manager in response to a request for ideas.

And, finally, the negative fact that in the last three months there were 29 residency burglaries in the SDCC area, half by day, half by night. The Block Watchers program will be reconstituted and combined with the Good Samaritan Network. (See SDCC Report.)

For Skinker-DeBaliviere, it was an aggressive start for 1983.



In Your Ear

by Tom Hoerr

"Video dating?" No, that doesn't mean going to a dance with your Sony. It's the latest craze, viewing video tapes of prospective paramours before you give them a call.

Now, it must be said that, in this case, technology may not be all bad. The approach certainly beats those with which I am familiar (mainly driving down the street yelling, "What's a nice girl like you doing in a place like this?") It's a lot cheaper than my old approaches, too. I mean, how many first drinks can you buy

people before your liver goes on strike and you run out of nubile laddies? I always thought that the ancient custom of parents' selling children to marriage made sense. In today's economy the purchase would be eligible for tax abatement and depreciation! Indeed, there's something to be said for this approach: efficient, inexpensive, painless, and warmer than walking from bar to bar on a cold winter night.

"In Your Ear," however, in its own inimitable style, offers an even better approach to meeting and greeting ("pressing the flesh" may not be the best metaphor here). Rather than using video tapes to view criteria such as physical attractiveness, personality, and interests (all mundane!), why not base decisions on

criteria that get to the real root of what attracts people to one another . . . that's right, food!

I suggest that each person looking for a "companion" (I do adore euphemisms) complete a sheet indicating food preferences. This sheet would then be computerized and placed in a pool of all eligibles everywhere. Think of the logic: Could a White Castle aficionado — one who places the Belly Bombers number one — really find happiness with a Club Sandwich person? Would a beer and pizza person — make that anchovies, onions, and green peppers pizza, hold the cheese — possibly make it with a roast beef and baked potatoes? Divorce is inevitable for the chocolate chip cookies and "Lean Cuisine" match.

Now the converse, of course, is also true. Sometimes opposites could be matched so that the plate would really get licked clean: "Mr. Spratt, I think you'll like this girl. She's a bit on the heavy side, but . . ." The bread eater could date the meat eater and it'd be a sandwich made in Heaven (assuming they could cut the mustard together. . .).

Think of all the philosophical arguments which could be avoided if you knew the food preferences of your prospective whatever. Someone who nantes grits as numero uno ought not to be discussing politics with a lobster fancier. Likewise, chili and yogurt have nothing at all to talk about. After a meal of French fried onions, garlic bread, and tacos, what could people have in common (other than an immediate need for a very good mouth-wash?).

Well, enough said. I think you get the idea. I've already been approached by two major firms to market the concept. They seem to think that there's a big future in selecting dates by food choice. I agree, but I'm a little worried. There's always some cur around who isn't satisfied and takes advantages of the other sex. Yes, you know what that person's favorite food is . . . smorgasbord!

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