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Plans Finalized for Regional Arts Commission Building on Delmar

by Lana Stein

After a vote of its board, the Regional Arts Commission decided to build a new building on the 61xx block of Delmar. Kevin Flynn of Kiku Obata & Company designed the structure. This design has now been approved by the Regional Arts Commission board and by the requisite city agencies. The building will present a new bold silhouette on the south side of Delmar. It will be

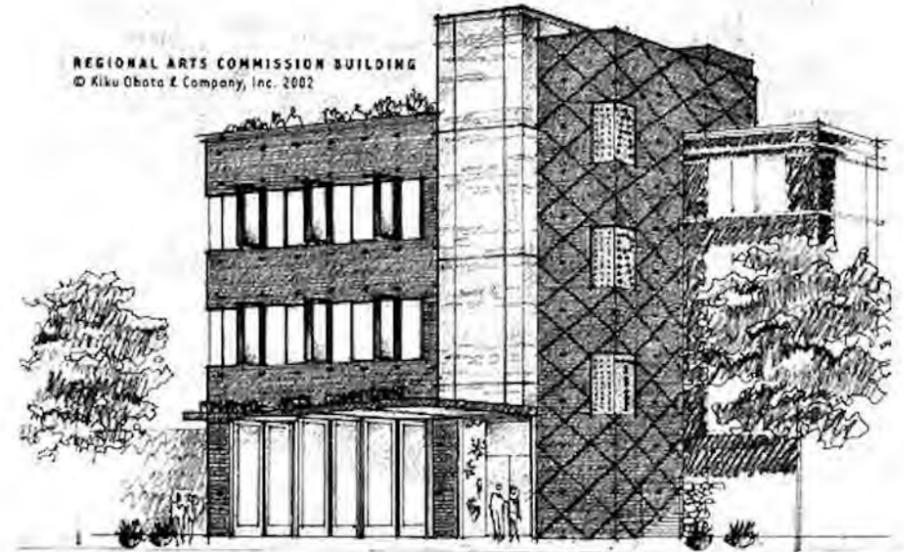
RAC executive director Jill McGuire explained that the first floor would contain a gallery at the front of the building. The windows on this level will provide egress to the street, allowing receptions to spill onto the sidewalk. The rear of the building will be devoted to rehearsal space and/or offices that can be rented to arts groups.

The second floor will have



three stories and will be marked by a reflective shaft containing stairs and elevator.

three conference rooms. These will be used for various types of training. RAC also plans a com-



puter lab with a number of computers that can be used for video editing as well as more customary functions. The third floor will house RAC offices and will open onto a roof garden. The building appears to combine administration with art and outreach and has ample space for various kinds of gatherings. The building facade will be largely brick, part of which will be argyle brick. The eastern wall presents an opportunity for art display; if this happens there will be a formal approval process including the neighborhood. On the first floor there may

be embossed figures on the brick.

At this writing, McGuire plans to have a groundbreaking on Tuesday, July 16 at 10am. The building should be completed by May of 2003. Architect Kevin Flynn is also involved in the design of the new restaurant and the renovated building at 6172-78 Delmar. The restaurant should be open by the end of December. The latter building will have offices on the second floor. The first floor will be retail.

Two Aldermen Fight over the Aldermanic Presidency

By Lana Stein

On August 6, St. Louis City voters will choose someone to fill the unexpired term of former president Francis Slay. The Democrats and Republicans will both nominate a candidate. The victor will be chosen in the November general election.

Many Skinker DeBaliviere residents are or have been residents of the 28th ward. The 28th's alderman, Lyda Krewson, is one of two candidates in the Democratic primary. She has served as alderman since December 1997. She lives close to New City School in the Central West End

and is married with two children. Her theme is putting the city first and bringing people together.

James Shrewsbury, alderman of the 16th ward in south St. Louis (St. Louis Hills) also seeks the job. He has been alderman since 1983 and is presently the acting president by virtue of his seniority. Shrewsbury is married with one child. He stresses his experience and competence.

If Krewson is chosen for the presidential post, residents of the 28th ward will choose a new alderman in the March 2003 election.

**Mayor Francis G. Slay
will meet with the Delmar
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By Lana Stein

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Your commitment can be as great as you want it to be. Let me hear from you!



Eighteen 3rd graders from Central Christian School, on Hanley Road planted trees for Arbor Day. See story on page 7.

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Calendar

Upcoming Events Calendar

June 12 — Historic District Review Committee, 7:15 p.m., SDCC Office, 6008 Kingsbury

June 15 — Rosedale Neighbors Association. Annual Meeting. 9:30 a.m. New Cote Brillante Church of God. Election of Officers.

June 18 — West End Arts Council. Bring a snack and bring a friend. Planning for Wintermarkt and next year's grant application.

June 19th — SDCHC Board Meeting. 6:00 p.m. SDCC Office, 6008 Kingsbury.

June 20th — Delmar Wabash Link Business Association Breakfast with the Mayor. 8:00 a.m. The Halo Bar. 6161 Delmar.

NO JULY BOARD MEETING of the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council

August 6th — NATIONAL NIGHT OUT. Our neighborhood's biggest block party. Four Corners Park. 6:00-9:00 p.m.

August 12th — Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council Board Meeting. 7:00 p.m. 6008 Kingsbury. Open to all residents.

Nearby Events of Interest

Now — "Lindbergh" at the History Museum in Forest Park.

Now - July 14 — Plant Drawings of Henri Matisse and Ellsworth Kelly at the Saint Louis Art Museum. This exhibit premiered at Paris' Centre Pompidou. This is the only U.S. site for this exhibition.

June 16 — Juneteenth Program at History Museum, 2-4 pm featuring Norman Seay and Charles Glenn

Dear Neighbors:

In typical Skinker-Debaliviere fashion, there is a rumor going around the neighborhood that I am selling my house (6182 McPherson) after 31 years, getting married, moving to Wildwood, and taking up golf. Not a rumor! 'Tis true! Even the golf, as long as it does not interfere with my fishing.

Bea, Joe, Marty, and Dan have all grown up and moved out. My trusty Cocker-Rotweiler, Gus, and I just don't need a three story/6 bedroom house. And a long-term friend and colleague Maggie Menefee and I have grown very close and have decided to formally merge our lives in marriage. Maggie and I have known one another for over 10 years — as colleagues in the field of crime victim services. For the past two years, Maggie has opened and served as Executive Director for the St. Charles County Regional Child Assessment Center that works with children who have been victims of sexual assault; previously she had served as Coordinator of victim services in the St. Charles County Prosecutor's Office.

When we decided to get married, I told her I was not moving to St. Charles and she told me she was not moving to the City. Guess what! We compromised and bought a house in Wildwood — half way between my work in the City and her work in Wentzville. Her real estate agent asked me what I wanted in a house and I said: "Find Maggie the house of her dreams, put it on a lake stocked with bass, and I will be happy."

That's exactly what she did.....and we are both very happy.

You all have been such great neighbors — as we watched our children grow up together, played ball on the "You Gotta Be Over 30 & Not Take The Game

Seriously" Battling Beagles softball team for the past three decades, starred in the Rosedale Neighborhood Dinner Theatre productions together, organized paper drives and Rags-to-Riches yard sales, and you extended your hearts and hands giving Mary Bea and me strength all during her illness.



Ed Stout and fiancée Maggie Menefee are pictured here at the U.S. Senate, just after Ed and his agency, Aid for Victims of Crime, received this year's annual Crime Victim Service Award from the Department of Justice. Ed was recently pictured on the front page of the Post-Dispatch with Attorney General John Ashcroft.

There simply is no place like Skinker-Debaliviere. I will miss the neighborhood but hope to see old friends from time to time,.....that means I expect you will continue to extend invitations to parties to Maggie and me in the future. Once a S-D neighbor, always.....

Ed Stout

Crossroads School Breaks Ground for Expansion

By Tim Schoemehl

Crossroads School has broken ground for a major expansion of their campus at 500 DeBaliviere, on the eastern edge of the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood. A groundbreaking ceremony for the \$ 2.5 million project was held on May 17. Construction is scheduled to be complete by January 2003.

The expansion will include the construction of an athletic facility and a new school cafeteria. As part of the project, Crossroads will also reconfigure its current building to add two classrooms. The new construction will add 18,000 square feet to the current 30,000 square foot structure. The expansion will allow Crossroads to increase its student body from about 190 students to approximately 250 students.

Crossroads, an independent college preparatory school for students grade 7 through 12, has been located on DeBaliviere since 1980. "This expansion will allow us to better serve our student body and the community while staying at our present location, which is very important to us" said Crossroads Head of School and Skinker-DeBaliviere resident Billy Handmaker.

Handmaker emphasizes that the expansion will serve not just the school, but the neighborhood



as well. Crossroads has always made its facilities available to community organizations when they are not in use for school functions. The expansion will allow the school to continue that tradition. "With the expansion completed, we would be able to host as many as three outside events at one time" Handmaker said. "For example, we could have a neighborhood basketball league playing in the athletic facility, a community meeting occurring in the cafeteria, and an outside theatre group presenting a play in the black box theater."



National Night Out Tuesday, August 6, 2002

Once again, National Night Out falls on an Election Day. Neighbors in Skinker DeBaliviere will again host a block party to celebrate our diversity, encourage involvement, listen to good neighborhood music and have a grand old good time.

Along the way, as always, organizers promise a great musical program and an opportunity to visit with neighbors and share a hot dog, a brat, and some cold liquid refreshment. Come early to help set up or stay late to help tear down - - - this is YOUR neighborhood's biggest party of the year.

Have an idea for an activity at this year's event? Do it as a block unit - 59XX McPherson has an ice cream social every year to benefit their block unit kitty - or do it as a church group - we look forward to participation from the Grace Methodist Youth Group members and others who will sponsor games, face painting or craft activities to benefit their own programs. Call the SDCC Office to register and learn about space availability and other requirements.

Remember, mark your calendar now and plan to spend a great evening in Four Corners Park.

News of Neighbors

Congratulations to Matt and Aimee DeVoll of the 6100 block of Pershing on the birth of their first child, Robert Cahill DeVoll, born March 13, 2002. More plaudits are due Matt, who received his PhD in English from Washington University this May.

Fond farewells to long-time neighbor Ed Stout, with his late wife, Mary Bea, for more than 25 years. Ed has sold his house on the 6100 block of McPherson, after raising his family there, and will soon be getting married! Be sure to read Ed's lovely letter to the TIMES community on page 2.

Amy and Amrit Gill, of the 6100 block of Westminster, welcomed a new baby girl to their family on April 27. Katie joins two brothers, Wyatt and Dylan, and a blossoming business renovating buildings, including some single-family homes in the neighborhood, as well as the Coronado Hotel on Lindell near St. Louis University. How do they do it all?

Have you noticed work going on at the old McDonald's on Delmar? Huge signs announce ... "Big Jake's BarBQ. Can't wait!"

Two Bender daughters made news in moves. Beth Bender, Principal of University City High School, who lived for a decade on the 6000 block of Westminster, has recently moved to a new home in Parkview. Her sister Rachael Bender Boxdorfer has moved with her husband and chil-

dren to the 6000 block of McPherson. As always, it's great to have second generation families in the neighborhood. Maybe there's an article there. How many of you are out there?

More long-time neighbors make a switch: Gary and Jan Bierman, who lived previously on the 6200 block of Washington in Parkview, have switched to Washington Heights, moving to one of the new townhomes on the 5900 block of Kingsbury. Gary knows they're nice, because he built them! And Joe and Nancy Gruneisen have moved from the 61xx block of Washington to the 61xx block of Kingsbury. Great neighbors have a way of sticking around!

New Neighbors will be welcomed at the Rosedale Meeting and the TIMES' New Neighbors Party, both on June 15. Welcome to our many new neighbors! If we've missed anyone, please let us know so we can mention them in our fall issue:

- 60xx McPherson:**
David Hart and Mary Ziebrieski-Hart
Sarah Graham
Matt Boxdorfer and Rachael Bender Boxdorfer

- 61xx McPherson:**
Ellen Leathers and Jon Dahl
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheeler

- 60xx Kingsbury:**
Lucien Krukowski and Uta Levi

- 61xx Kingsbury:**
Paul and Karen Heirendt
Jim and Sarah Drexler
Dave and Angela Melson
Eric and Gayle Mason
Ursula Goodenow

- 60xx Westminster:**
Warren Rosenblum and Nichole Blumneyer
Barry Leibman and Caroline Heckman

- 59xx Pershing:**
Chris Simon and Jessica Forsyth

- 59xx Kingsbury:**
Brian and Candace Marshall
James Shepard and Mary Roberts
Ruthie Rochman
Debra Wilson
Gregg and Katherine Lemly
Carla Bracy and Annie Blackburn

- 59xx DeGiverville:**
Maggie Baumgartner

- 61xx Westminster:**
Dave Peterson
Steve Mnich
Sean and Christina McGroarty
Steve Nagle and Robyn Grace
Bob and Patricia Biel

- 61xx Washington:**
Jennifer Olmstead and Brady Baybec

- 62xx and 63xx Washington:**
Judge and Mrs. Julian Bush
Brad and Dawn Fels
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The Scouting Tradition

Joseph M. Wright, son of Alan and Mary Wright of the 6200 block of Waterman, was awarded the highest honor in Boy Scouting on Saturday, November 24th at St. Roch church. He is the third boy in his family to achieve this recognition, following in the path of his two older brothers, John and James, who received the award in November, 2000.

Joseph has been a Boy Scout for over ten years. He was active for four years at Grace United Methodist Church in Cub Scout Park 31 during the 90's. There he earned the Arrow of Light Award and the World Conservation Award. After finishing his cub scout years,

he has been active in St. Roch's Troop 98 for the past six years. He is currently serving that troop as Senior Patrol Leader.

He was elected to participate in the Order of the Arrow, earned the religion award, and has hiked at Philmont Scout Reservation in Cimarron, New Mexico. This summer he will participate in a trek to Ely, Minnesota with other scouts from Troop 98, where they will canoe the boundary waters of Canada and the U.S.

He will be a senior at St. Louis University High School in the fall. An honor roll student, his future plans include college, community service,



Three brothers and Eagle Scouts: (l to r) James, Joseph, and John Wright, of the 6200 block of Waterman.)

and possibly flight training.

For his own Eagle project, he restored two bathrooms at Karen's House, a temporary shelter for women and chil-

dren. Other scouts working on this renovation were Andrew Schmidt, Will Gilbert, Sam Christman and leaders Ralph Wafer and Mary Wright.

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Hamilton School/St. Roch Boy Scouts Troop 98 Work Together

By Mary Schmit

Tuesday, April 27 was a beautiful day and an adventure for several refugee students from Hamilton Community Education Center. Through the kindness of Mr. Esam El-Quinni, the owner of Chevy's Restaurant, twelve students and their teachers enjoyed lunch at this Olivette restaurant.

The students came to the United States from Mexico, Bosnia, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Albania, and the Republic of Congo. On this spring day they

enjoyed a good meal and the pleasant company of Mr. El-Quinni. He greeted the students and then went about the table talking with each of the students, many of them in their native language.

The students shared a meal of hot chicken, chips and salsa, fruit, fries, soda and lots of ice cream in a special pastry dessert.

The Hamilton students enjoyed their lunch through the generosity of Mr. El-Quinni and local Boy Scout troop 98, which

provided the funds for bus transportation.

ESOL teacher (English Speakers of Other Languages) Sylvia Osikoya, her aide, Marguerite Tawfik, and social worker Mary Schmit accompanied the class to Chevys. They, too, enjoyed their lunch but most of all were proud of the good behavior of their students.

Thank you Scout Troop 98.
Thank you staff of Chevys.
Thank you again Mr. Esam El-Quinni



Ah, Summer in Skinker-DeBaliviere. Can you identify any of these extremely fit neighbors? I think I spot Marv Nodiff, Roy Bell, former neighbor Jerry Lorenz, and Paul Kurtz. But where are Brad Weir and Art Santen? Yes, the "Battling Beagles" live on, still playing softball after more than 25 years. This photo was originally published in September, 1984.

Very Well-Designed Design Company Office Graces Delmar

By Lana Stein

Many concert-goers through the Pageant on 61xx Delmar. Most of these do not realize that a design firm, which is helping to redevelop other Delmar buildings, lies tucked above the successful concert hall. Kiku Obata & Company was formed in 1977 and had offices in DeBaliviere Place for quite some time.

Coming to the floors above the Pageant gave the Obata firm 14,000 square feet of office space that firm participants could structure to their liking. The result is futuristic, loftlike, and filled with light.

The office is open and airy with high exposed ceilings painted neutral white and there are lots

of windows. There is a deck filled with plantings and relaxing furniture where staff can take a break. Velvet curtains conceal storage shelving. Metal grid panels move back and forth on tracks and display images of recent work. In addition, there are frosted acrylic panels that act as a transparent wall allowing light to filter through while providing private offices on the other side.

Visitors to the office invariably go "ah" as they emerge from the elevator.

Although hidden from most, these offices are a notable design addition to our neighborhood.



Open work spaces encourage collaboration in the offices of Kiku Obata & Company at 61xx Delmar.

Lana Stein Writes Book on St. Louis Politics



Former 28th Ward Committeewoman and long-time 5700 block of Waterman resident Rose Storey has her book signed by the author.



Seated, Cal Stuart, long-time Executive Director of Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council; standing from left, Linda Nodiff, Marvin Nodiff, and Gee Stuart.



New college graduate John McGuire, son of Dan and Jill McGuire, with busy book signer Lana Stein at Duff's Restaurant in the Central West End.

Lana Stein, our editor, who is also professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science at UMSL, has recently written a third book, which has been published by the Missouri Historical Society Press. Entitled **St. Louis Politics: The Triumph of Tradition**, the book is of special interest to our neighborhood, with so many elected officials, present and past, as well as so many political "junkies".

Photos show book signings at the Mayor's Office and at Duff's Restaurant, held this past month in celebration of Lana's latest achievement. Another opportunity to hear Lana speak about some of the interesting events and people in St. Louis' governmental past will occur at John's Town Hall, So. Skinker, as part of the 28th Ward Democratic Club's monthly meeting on June 20, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Already, everyone's talking about the chapter devoted to the Schoemehl Years, and the interesting descriptions of trends in neighborhood dynamics, includ-

ing how and when loyalties and power transitioned from wards to neighborhood organizations like Hill 2000 and Skinker-DeBaliviere. And, coming under the heading "history I never learned" is the earlier twentieth century Republican dominance of St. Louis, and the events that shaped the transformation of the Board of Aldermen and city-wide offices to the Democrats instead.

And, of course, there's the Home Rule vote, coming up at the November, 2002 election. The book contains a timely explanation of our St. Louis form of local government, "unreformed" in the terminology of the political scientist. Without prejudicing the current debates on this subject, Stein's book offers a great resource for really understanding this topic.

While we're all busy this summer reading this fascinating account of our city's political history, no doubt there will be the kind of stimulating discussion our neighborhood is famous for. With this new book, we can keep the conversations going strong. Congratulations to Lana!



At the office of current Mayor Francis G. Slay, Christy Walker (left), a former student, has her book signed by Lana Stein.

Liquor Store Update

Restrictions placed on Courtesy Country Store liquor license renewal

By Dan Schesch

Dear fellow residents,
The Community Council opposed the renewal of the liquor license at the Courtesy Country Store (5901 Delmar @ Hamilton; see the background summary below), but at the protest hearing on April 12 we fell short of suffi-

cient signatures on the petitions. However, the excise commissioner then took testimony from several residents on Enright, representatives of the Council, the Housing Corporation, Ald. Clay, residents of our neighborhood and Delmar business owners.

The Council just received a copy of the decision by excise commissioner Robert Kraiberg, and he has placed essentially the same restrictions on the Country Store as he placed on the Sur Save store on the opposite corner last year (summarized):

- No single sales of beer / malt liquor products . . . patrons must buy units of 3 cans or more.
 - No distilled spirits or wine in units of less than 750 ml (no pints or smaller)
 - No intoxicating beer or liquor sales after 10 p.m. (Mon-Sun)
 - Licensee will conduct a daily litter patrol around the store on Delmar, Hamilton & the alley behind the store.
 - Licensee will provide licensed, uniformed security officer to patrol the premises from 4-10 p.m. (Mon-Sun)
- Similar restrictions (and additional efforts by the owners) led to

a major reduction in the nuisances coming liquor sales at Sur Save, and should have a similar effect at/around/near the Country Store. If even with these, major problems related to sales of alcoholic beverages at the County Store persist, there will be another opportunity to protest its liquor license renewal next year.

I would like to convey thanks on behalf of the Council and the neighborhood: to those of you who worked on getting the signatures forcing the hearing, as well as those who provided the compelling testimony offered on April 12.

Yes!
Daniel Schesch
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BACKGROUND -

A year ago, the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood had four stores with full liquor licenses on Delmar, from DeBaliviere to Skinker. The sales from these stores, especially of single-serve beers, and small bottles of wine and liquor, were a direct cause of people hanging out near the stores, at Washington and Rosedale, Delmar and Hamilton, and directly south in Lucier Park, drinking and making residents feel unsafe in those areas. Residents, adults and children, had stopped using Lucier Park because of this.

Two stores have closed. A third store, Sure Sav (Pete's Market) at Delmar & Hamilton, which has been/is used by many residents for groceries, accepted several restrictions on its operation (as above), after a protest petition against granting the new owners a liquor license was successful in forcing a hearing last year.

The Courtesy Country Store, the subject of the hearing April 12, had benefited from the restrictions on liquor sales at Sure Sav and the closure of the other stores.

Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council

Board of Directors Meeting March 11, 2002 Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Dan Schesch, President, at 7:05 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions, Announcements Minutes approved as corrected.

Paul Hohmann presented the Historic District committee's reason for supporting the proposed demolition of 6171 & 6181 Lindell (at Skinker) and the construction of a new home at 6171 Lindell.

The new home will be more in keeping with the scale and architecture of the neighboring houses than the current structures. The Board unanimously voted to support the proposal.

Treasurer's Report - Peggy Droege

Report reviewed and approved as submitted.

Security Report - Heather Sabin

In response to our requested at the last meeting, several illegally parked cars were towed. 5739 Delmar - V.W. Liquor license of occupancy permit revoked, their license then removed by liquor control. If sales are continuing call 911. Stolen car crashed at Delmar and Skinker last Friday afternoon. Three strong-arm robberies in last three months on DeBaliviere. Evening /Dusk are still open trying to get stepped up patrols. Dan Schesch reported that neighborhood made a streetlight check and reported four lights out to Citizens Service Bureau for replacement. Neighbor reported five recent robberies at condos on Nina Place last month. Gaining access through decks and windows. Arrest has been made; robberies continue.

Aldermanic Report - Lyda Krewson

Larry Isom brought copies of ward map (post-redistricting). Lyda will be happy to report burnt out streetlights to Street Department. Special taxing district on Delmar still gathering information and maybe on the ballot.

Community Improvement District (CID) in process of being passed by Board of Alderman. Will allow tax exempt Bonds to be issued to finance new RAC and performing arts center.

SDCC Board of Directors, March 11, 2002

Neighborhood wide brainstorming scheduled for May 18th. April 29th next Planning Meeting brainstorming session will be 2 hours.

1st hour - large group mission vision.

2nd hour - chance for people to go to working groups for further information.

Beautification Report - Andy Cross

Saturday, April 27th Blitz Day neighborhood-wide clean up. Block captain re-orientation meeting in prep for Blitz and other prosecute scheduled later this month.

Plant Exchange - May 4th

Two new dogwood trees planted at Four Corner Park. McPherson Community Garden - new dirt from Gateway Greening for garden. Four Corners Park, playground, 1035 Block unit Garden - Ronnie Haliburton 1st work day Saturday March 16th. Jesse Brown is new chairman of garden. Breakfast Garden Tour - Fundraiser for Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council Saturday June 8th. Gardens in 6000-6100 Pershing, Waterman, McPherson.

Lucier Park Report - Katrian Stierholz

Lucier Park Committee has focused on getting liquor license protest initiated for Country Store. Signatures of bother registered voters and property owners submitted. Hearing should be mid - April. Country store has decided not sell liquor last two weeks steep decrease in problems with the property. Commercial District Committee - Laure trying to develop planned approach to parking on Delmar. Short term and long term strategies discussed at March 21st meeting. Distributed map of proposed new business taxing district for Delmar will extend current taxing district east of Delmar. Two taxes - Extra 50% business license for increase in property taxes lots of details to be worked out including properties.

Executive Director's Report - Laure Porterfield

Working for more extensive representation in neighborhood planning process. Board planning: strategic plan for Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council facilitated by Focus St. Louis scheduled for April 6th, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Washington University.

Andy/Linda Cross donated new reception desk - many thanks!

Executive Committee - Dan Schesch

Presentation on MetroLink financing made to County Council. Restructuring the plan to get federal financing could save \$540 million in local tax dollars. Made presentation to Bi-State new executive director as well also included design issue. Letter will be sent to Alderman President Shrewsbury to request hearing on financing issues with Transportation Committee.

Other Business

Sole Van Emden: parking mitigation is being sought by resident who continue to have difficulty finding parking on Pershing, especially 6100 Pershing. Council approved sending letter to Washington University requesting that they commit to a time-line for parking improvements they have proposed in the past.

Hamilton School representative gave presentation on new service learning project with school district "windows on the Soul of the City" display of arts project developed from service projects on display at City Museum. Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Tim Schoemehl, Secretary.

Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council

Board of Directors Meeting April 8, 2002 Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Dan Schesch, President, at 7:00 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions, Announcements

Minutes approved as corrected.

Martin Jaffe gave presentation on plans for 5700 McPherson. His development calls for single family detached houses. The City will vacate the street that connects McPherson to Kingsbury Square will begin with some homes on 421/2 foot lots. At about 1800-3000 square lot. 26'-32' foot wide buildings. Masonry fronts vinyl siding on sides and rear. Price range starting 225,000.00 - 250,000.00. Start construction this summer, then move to north west end. Mr. Jaffe responded to various questions about the plans for the development.

Treasurer's Report - Peggy Droege

Report presented for approval; unanimously accepted.

Security Report - P.O. Heather Sabin

Sabin introduced Captain James Geiseke. Arrest made for several recent burglaries. Photo of suspect passed around. 5'10", 200 lbs. Crime down in all categories compared to last year and last month. The suspect tends to take advantage of unlocked cars, doors, windows during the day. Keep things secured. Question re: street cleaning ticketing. Captain reported that officers and not just traffic police will be ticketing. Discussion about various parking problem areas ensued. Call 231-1212 for parking violations and other non-emergency situations.

Neighborhood Planning

April 29th is next meeting of the planning group steering committee.

Beautification Report - Andy Cross

Blitz is Saturday, April 27th. Flyers have gone out. Will focus on DesPeres. Breakfast Garden tour scheduled for June 8th, and plant exchange May 4th.

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Commercial District Committee

Working on parking plan for Delmar starting with 6000/6100 blocks. Questions regarding and noise complaints from Pageant and Halo Bar.

Executive Director's Report - Laure Porterfield

Referred to written report.

Housing Corporation Report - Gary Beohnke

Referred to written report.

Executive Committee - Dan Schesch

Gave update on MetroLink. Bi-State will present a response to the financial presentation already made to County Council. Dan gave presentation to ACORN re: effect of new construction of MetroLink on bus extension; very receptive. County Councilman Odenwald, whose district includes all county portions of the cross-county extension made comments suggesting he agreed with financial concerns that have been raised.

Lucier Park Report

Grant received for planning still looking for Lucier Park committee chair.

Liquor license protest hearing this Friday, April 12, 2002 for Couresty Country Store at Delmar/Hamilton.

Other Business

Board Planning. First meeting has been held. Thanks to those who attended. Next session to be scheduled on a weeknight.

The chair recognized Susan Turk, who was representing the Black leadership roundtable SLPS Action Accountability Team. Focused on disparity between black and white they are trying to achievement test scores. Trying to get SLPS to pass a resolution agreeing to address achievement gap. Asked school district to pass a resolution. They want to raise awareness and ask residents for their support.

Reverend Cotton from Patterson Baptist Church on DeBaliviere was introduced. They are interested in being more involved with the Council. Want to build a new Church in the area 15 members live in neighborhood. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Tim Schoemehl, Secretary.

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The 5700 Block of McPherson: Community Discussions

By MSW Intern Angela Ghesquiere

On April 23, the Holy Ground Team at Grace United Methodist Church hosted a lunch meeting with community leaders and developers working on the 5700 Block of McPherson Avenue. Attendees included Alderman Irving Clay, Neighborhood Stabilization Officer Larry Isom, Skinker DeBaliviere Council Executive Director Laure Porterfield and Skinker DeBaliviere Housing Corporation staffer Gary Boehnke, local housing developers Rainey Crawford III (accompanied by his father, Rainey Crawford II) and Martin Jaffe, James Gradone from the department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Dan Grandone of Congregations Allied for Community Improvement (CACI). Representing the Grace were Team members Jaymes Dearing, Sutcliffe Brown, Kristen Moomey, MSW intern Angela Ghesquiere, and Rev. Mark Harvey.

Each person was asked to describe their role on the 5700 block in turn. In addition to the

home repairs provided by Grace Church volunteers, six properties are now undergoing major rehabilitation by Rainey Crawford. At the same time, Martin Jaffe plans to soon build as many as fifteen new homes on the 5700 block. The effect these changes will have on current block residents was discussed in some detail. All parties expressed concern for residents' future there. Many expressed a conviction that every effort should be made to ensure that all existing home owners have access to resources to either assist them to rehabilitate their properties and remain on the block, or sell their properties under fair market conditions. Other attendees, such as James Heard of HUD, emphasized the importance of collaboration and partnership between all parties involved with the 5700 block. "It is essential to maintain a sense of fairness," he said.

While development concerns dominated the meeting, issues surrounding crime and safety were also discussed.

Neighborhood Stabilization officer Larry Isom Larry Isom pointed out that vacant buildings on the block are especially problematic; Alderman Clay suggested that Isom investigate particular sites and report back to him. Rev. Harvey revealed that Grace had submitted these 'problem properties' to the Building Commission as part of the recent city-wide 'Holy Ground' action against problem properties.

Towards the end of the meeting, future directions for the 5700 block were discussed. Alderman Clay emphasized the need for comprehensive planning. Mr. Heard then described HUD's loan programs for seniors (HECM Reverse Mortgages) and owner redevelopment (203K loans).

Jaymes Dearing, chair of Grace's Holy Ground Team, revealed plans underway for providing homeowner assistance counseling. Sutcliffe Brown has completed a first draft of a Program Plan which includes this initiative. The Grace Church Team agreed

with developers that "band-aid" home repairs do not contribute significantly to redevelopment. However, the Team does have an important role. Rev. Harvey explained that the Holy Ground Team's work helps establish relationships of trust with homeowners, which can lead to commitment to more significant rehabilitation. This work may also encourage community-building, and help ensure harmony with new incoming residents.

In the future, the Holy Ground Team hopes to build and strengthen collaboration between all the parties present at April 23's meeting, with special emphasis on empowering current residents to be involved in the decisions affecting their future.



New Trees on Washington

By Andy Cross



On Arbor Day, April 26, the 6100 block of Washington became an even more attractive street, thanks to the efforts of the 3rd grade class at Central Christian School, on Hanley Road. Skinker-DeBaliviere resident and Central Christian School parent Nancy Gruneisen contacted the beautification committee with a grant from Forest Re-Leaf for ten beautiful street trees. The Skinker-DeBaliviere Housing Corporation needed street trees on the 6100 block of Washington in front of the Rosedale Square Apartments they own there. The sites were chosen, and trees planted.

A team of 18 children with shovels and buckets dug holes,

carefully planted, and watered the Cypress, Hackberry, Red Bud, and Tulip trees, which Forest Re-Leaf provides for public planting. The students also learned about how to properly transplant trees, how the root systems function, and how to scream real loud at grubworms.

The Beautification Committee will keep these trees watered for their first year, until they are established. The students and their teacher, Anne Ritland, won Honorable Mention from the Chiquita Corporation for their project in the EcoK.I.D. Challenge, with a plaque and a \$100 prize, which they will use in a classroom project.

Group Seeks Site for Transitional Housing in Neighborhood

A non-profit group that has administered a mentoring program for women leaving prison, Center for Women in Transition, wishes to begin a residential program in Skinker DeBaliviere, their first residential effort.

The Sisters of Mercy convent at the southwest corner of Waterman and Rosedale was the projected site. The Sisters of Mercy had maintained a convent there for many years and have owned the building for the last decade. No longer in need of this facility, the order planned to donate it to the Center.

The residential transitional facility would house 8 women discharged from prison. There would be a resident manager on duty 16 hours a day. Two nuns would also sleep there. There would be supervised visiting and each resident would have a job. The administrator is a nun as is another active participant but the organization is not part of any order.

Sister Rose McLarney visited some neighbors who are parishioners at St. Roch to garner support. However, others questioned the proximity to St. Roch School. In addition, a noted



The convent (right) is just across the street from the church (left).

criminologist said that trouble would occur from the women's boyfriends or husbands. That interaction would be difficult to control.

To utilize the convent building, The Center for Women in Transition would have to secure a variance allowing dormitory living. They would have to secure petition signatures from residents within a prescribed radius. However, the petition and the ordinance from which it is drawn clearly state that a variance will not be granted if the building is within 500 feet of a school or church. Because of this proviso, it seems that the Center's efforts will be futile; the SDCC will not support the proposal.

IN YOUR EAR

by Hawkeye Q. Hoerr

All right now students, please sit up and clear off your desks. I know it's summer but remember, you're the reason you're here with me now. If you'd done your work during the school year, we wouldn't be sitting here now on this hot day, taking our finals. Maybe you'll remember this next year and put a bit more effort into your work in November and March and May. Fred, are you with me? Fred? Fred? Thank you, Fred. All of you, have you heard the phrase, "Paying the piper?"

Before I hand out the test, I want to tell you that I appreciate the positive attitude you've given me these past weeks. I know you'd rather have been out playing, or maybe home sleeping. I know that I'm not the world's most exciting teacher, but I try. Most of you have tried too. Fred, please sit up and pay attention. As I was saying, most of you have tried too. No, you haven't tried as much as you could have and no, you haven't tried as often as you could have. That's probably why we've spent this time together this summer! But you have given some effort and I'm, Fred, are you paying attention, grateful for that.

It's so nice having everyone here today. This may be the only time since the first day of class when everyone is present. As I

said yesterday, this quiz will determine your final grade for the class. Gosh, that's probably why everyone is here today! I loved looking at the dioramas you made and I appreciate how you've all been sort of prompt and here most of the time, and Gloria, the brownies were great, but it's this test that will determine whether or not you get credit for the course and your grade. Life is complex but in school it's a multiple-choice kind of world.

There are no make-up tests and neatness does count. Sit up straight.

Please get out a piece of paper and number from one to ten on that paper.

What? No, start with the one and go to ten. Yes, one number per line.

What? Yes, of course you need your name on the paper. No, do not write your name after number one. Your name should go at the top of the paper, before number one. Yes, last name, comma, first name. No, do not write out the word comma; make a comma.

Now let's write the title of the class at the top. Write Current Events in the center. That's E-V-E-N-T-S. No, do not write in the center, put the words in the center.

OK, are we ready? No, put your hand down. You may not go to the restroom.

You should have thought of this before class. I'm going to, what? No, you may not get a drink. That will have to wait.

I'm going to, OK, whose cell phone is that? You know the rules. I'm going to close my eyes so whoever it is can turn off their cellphone. If it rings again, I'm taking it, and you'll have to get it from the principal. I'm closing my eyes and counting now. One..two... who made that

noise? I hope the phone is turned off because I'm not waiting and Mr. or Mrs. Smartypants, noises like that are rude. As far as the rest of you, when you laugh like that, it only encourages that sort of behavior.

All right, when you have the numbers and your name on the paper, tell me by putting your pencil down and looking at me. Fred?

I'm going to read the questions and all you need to do is write the letter of your response. In other words, if you want answer A, you'll write letter A. If you want answer B, you'll write letter B. If you want answer C, you'll write letter C, and so on. If an answer is more than one letter, write all the letters that you think fit.

What? No, do not write and so on if you like answer C. I meant that just like you would write A, B, or C, you'd also write D or E if you liked those answers. Are we clear?

Question number one. The work on the MetroLink expansion will (a) take longer than it's supposed to (b) cost more than was budgeted (c) mess up traffic patterns for years or (d) be redirected to go through the middle of Parkview.

Fred, please sit up. And Monica please keep your eyes on your own paper.

Question number two. The population of the City of St. Louis has declined by more than two-thirds from its all time-high, yet we still have 28 aldermen/alderwomen. This is (a) ludicrous (b) simply another form of workfare (c) an example of more not being better or (d) necessary to keep the mayor from getting too powerful.

Question number three. President Bush is (a) president only because the Florida Supreme Court was rigged (b) best known as a nice guy (c) intent on keeping his father's mistakes hidden from public view or (d) all of the above.

Question number four. John Ashcroft was mentioned as a possible vice-presidential candidate in a recent issue of The New Yorker. This possibility is (a) frightening (b) very frightening (c) frightening enough to make all of us pray for Dick Cheney's health or (d) all of the above.

No, Jose, asking about praying doesn't violate the law about religion begin kept out of school. Yes, Miranda, you can pray if you'd like but it has to be silently. Fred? Fred!

Question number five. The Cardinals' owners appeal for a new stadium built at largely taxpayer expense is (a) not a whole lot different from what other business have done (b) something that puts local politicians between a hard place and a rock (c) destined to fail once there's a baseball work stoppage later this season or (d) another reason to become disenchanted with professional sports.

Marie? No, I'm sorry, you'll have to wait until we finish the test.

Question number six. The total number of congress people, U.S. Representatives and Senators, is (a) 435 (b) 535 (c) too many (d) primarily intent on getting re-elected.

Question number seven. Which of the following does not belong in this list: (a) Midnight Basketball (b) non-porous wastecans in the aldermanic chambers (c) 28 fiefdoms (c) Lyda Krewson.

Fred? Moxie, please stop humming.

Question number eight. President Clinton's biggest problem was (a) a lack of self-control (b) that he stuffed the Republican right (c) Hillary or (d) Whitewater.

Question number nine. St. Louis City separated itself from St. Louis county in 1876 because the county was perceived as (a) poor (b) lacking in class (c) too far away or (d) dressed inappropriately.

Question ten. The separation referred to in nine was (a) foolish at the time (b) foolish today (c) something that should be reversed (d) something our alderpeople should work on.

There! We're finished. That wasn't so hard was it, class? Please turn in your papers as you leave. Your final grades will be posted on a sheet of paper outside the office. (Readers, you too can take the test and get credit, assuming your score is acceptable. Email your answers to Hawkeye at trhoerr@AOL.com. Neatness counts!)

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