



## ***General Membership Meeting Minutes September 9, 2014***

I. The meeting was called to order.

II. Update from Board of Directors

- The new DNA website is live. The new model will allow the Association more flexibility to organize and post useful information.
- The Downtown Partnership will be hiring Joan Hoff to oversee the implementation and establishment of the Neighborhood Ownership Model. DNA looks forward to working with the Downtown Partnership and Joan Hoff on this project.
- The proposed dog park project for the former Cupples 7 Building is progressing. Support petitions are being circulated, and the Board is currently working on a rendering and general plan to share with potential stakeholders.
- The Lucas Park Arts & Crafts Fair has been postponed. The new date has not yet been established. More information to come.
- The Board is proposing an amendment to the Bylaws for the sole purpose of establishing staggered terms for the Board of Directors beginning in 2015. The language to be proposed has not yet been finalized. It will be circulated with the Association well ahead of the November 2015 meeting, where it will be called for a vote.
- The Board reached out to all elected alderpersons. No alderperson attended.

- The final NLEC hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at City Hall at 1:45 PM.

III. The Central Library provided an update on the many activities happening at the Library, which are free and open to the public.

IV. Paul Brown gave a presentation about SB 731, which is a piece of legislation that will provide neighborhoods with a very powerful tool to combat nuisance properties throughout the City of St. Louis. Governor Nixon vetoed the bill, but it may be called for an override ride this week when the Missouri General Assembly convenes for the 2014 Veto Session. Paul Brown asked neighbors to call their elected officials and request that they support the override of Governor Nixon's veto. Contact information for your elected officials can be found at <http://www.senate.mo.gov> under the "Legislator Lookup" section of the website.

V. Josh Restivo gave a presentation and explained the purpose behind a website that he has created. The purpose is to have a public record (i.e. pictures) of situations where municipalities are dropping off their homeless in the City. The website is <http://dtw.6ceed.com>.

VI. Teka Childress, founder of Winter Outreach, and Irene Agustin, The Bridge, are working on a project that would place a temporary emergency overnight shelter in the building located at 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Dr. Martin Luther King Dr. At this point, it is a proposed one-year project. The project is looking to keep lines of communication open with the neighborhood, and the neighborhood is invited to participate in these planning sessions.

VII. There is currently an open seat on the Board of Directors. If anyone is interested in joining the Board for the remainder of 2014, they are encouraged to contact the Board of Directors.

VIII. The meeting was concluded.