



**MVNA General Meeting Agenda**  
August 24, 2009  
Monroe School 3641 Missouri Avenue

**Social Time 6:30 PM -7:00 PM**

**Pledge of allegiance 7:00 PM**

**Police Reports**

Joe Calabro, Third District Community Outreach Officer, was in attendance. Calabro began by reminding residents of the upcoming Citizen's Academy that City residents can attend and learn about a wide variety of topics: the history of the police department, how 911 works, homicide investigations, K9 department, firearm simulation, taser simulator, ride-along, and many more. The academy starts September 16 and is a 10-week course that meets each Wednesday from 6 pm to 9 pm at the Policy Academy.

Calabro announced a fraud bulletin about recent jury duty scams. A false jury duty coordinator calls, claims you missed jury duty, and says a warrant will be issued. The caller then requests your personal information to cancel the warrant. Calabro reminded residents to not give out personal information over the phone.

The next public affairs/community outreach meeting is September 10 at 7:30 pm at the 5-Star Senior Center. Representatives from community service will be there. There will also be an award presented to an individual in the district who stopped a robbery in progress.

Calabro announced the Marine Villa crime statistics. The most notable one is that three more aggravated assaults have been committed year to date than in the previous year (Calabro noted one was an instance in which an individual was punched). Burglaries were down 2.25%. Larcenies were down 13%. Vehicle thefts were up slightly, and Calabro reminded residents keep valuables out of sight. Clubs are sold at the station for \$11 before the community outreach meeting, and license plate covers are sold for \$5/pair. Total property crime was down by .7%. Overall, the neighborhood is doing well. While we are coming to the end of the peak crime season, no one should let down their guard.

Calabro let residents know that information about Missouri court cases can be obtained on the Case Net website: <https://www.courts.mo.gov/casenet/base/welcome.do>.

Residents reported various problems in the neighborhood to Calabro. Reports included activities such as loitering, drug dealing, prostitution, and animal control problems. Residents had not called in many of these activities. Calabro emphasized that **residents must**

**call in such reports. Residents should not wait to report such activities at the neighborhood meeting.**

### **NSO Reports**

Barb Potts also emphasized that residents have to call in reports. If multiple reports are received, the NSO and police can do triangulation. By seeing where calls are coming in from, this helps to get police in the area. The NSO and police need to know this information, which will be compiled and used. **When in doubt, call.**

Barb urged residents to always be on alert, especially when in alleys and so forth. Barb is working on a number of spots in Marine Villa and will send information to Eddie.

### **Guest Speaker: Warren Nichols – St. Louis Department of Health**

Nichols gave a brief introduction of the health department. The department recently moved from North Grand to 1520 Market, next to the Post Office.

Nichols outlined some initiatives the department is taking on for the fall. While it all hopes that the H1N1 virus (“swine flu”) won’t have a major impact, it is best to be prepared. The best key is prevention, and there is a major push is to get out educational information. Nichols brought Cover your Cough posters and hand wash stickers for residents. The health department can also do presentations on hygiene.

Nichols brought brochures about the health department in general. The department wants residents to understand what public health encompasses. For example, animal control is part of the health department. Nichols urged residents to call the health department about things like animals loose in the neighborhood.

New to the department is the Health Institute. The Institute is currently internal, but the department is working on moving it into the community. The Institute is about progressive methods of communication. If you’d like to have training or presentations, the health department can do it. The health department is also looking for people who can volunteer and speak on topics. For example, there is a need to put H1N1 information out in layman’s terms.

Nichols introduced his colleague Lauren Jones, who spoke more about the Health Institute. The Health Institute is intended to become a one-stop community resource. The department wants to make sure providers are available to all individuals, so there will be on-site screenings. The department is also looking at having a virtual health institute. The department has started twittering and is on Facebook. Eventually, the department would like to expand its online presence so that brochures and other items can be downloaded.

The department is also looking at creating a Health Institute on the Move. There will always be people who can't get to the office, so they would like to have a mobile office. The department hopes to eventually have a vehicle for such outreach.

The department is developing the onsite facility right now. In addition to being a research facility, it will be a place for information, education, disaster preparedness center, fitness center, community meeting place, and a place to link individuals to health services (screenings on site, nurses, etc.).

The Health Institute's first research project will look at overweight issues in school children. Data will be analyzed by ZIP code, type of school, etc. The Health Institute will then have a foundation to help kids.

In the future, the Health Institute will also look at doing media productions. The department wants to have a facility for producing targeted information and translating it into the appropriate language.

### **Alderman Reports**

#### Ken Ortmann – Ward 9

Ken was unable to attend.

#### Craig Schmid – Ward 20

Sentencing occurred for Doug Hartman of DHP, and he received 24 months in prison. David Reeves, the individual who was tagging Cherokee, was given a \$5,000 bond and ordered to stay off Cherokee.

Craig looked into reports of prostitution problems at Cherokee and Jefferson. When he was there, he didn't see anything, but he did see activity at Jefferson and Winnebago and Broadway. He is following up with Barb Potts.

Craig hopes to meet with Metro and the Police Captain about issues in the Chippewa-Broadway-Jefferson area and bus stop. If you see suspicious activity, call 911.

Craig reminded residents that school has started. If you know of kids not attending school, let your alderman know.

Festival of Nations is August 29 and 30 in Tower Grove Park.

### **Committee Reports**

- Beautification: Pam Wucher  
Chippewa-Broadway-Jefferson – Betty Moore submitted the proposal to Operation Brightside and will hear if the grant has been received. Pam presented a display of the garden plan, along with historical pictures of the area. Marine Villa is partnering with

CBBA on upkeep. Regions Bank has helped as well and is doing a workday on September 2 to prepare it for new planting. The next workday is October 9-10.

- **Market: Marty Dames**  
T-shirts have been ordered and will arrive this week. Shirts will be sold at movie night and at the next meeting.

### **President's Report – Bylaws and elections**

Elections are coming up for all board positions at the October meeting. According to bylaws, nominations must be made at the next meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor, email, or you can mail one in up to 10 days after the meeting.

Eddie suggested a few amendments to the bylaws. The original board included a recording secretary and a correspondence secretary, as well as a sergeant at arms. Eddie suggested getting rid of the sergeant at arms position and combining the secretary positions. Instead of having these extra two positions, the board would rather dedicate resources to committee positions. A vote was taken on this amendment. All were in favor, and the amendment passed.

The second amendment Eddie suggested was to change the two-year term length to one year so that the term length does not intimidate people. A vote was taken, and this amendment was passed.

The third amendment concerned term limits. The limit is currently two consecutive terms. A vote was taken to change this to four consecutive terms (total term limit is the same since the term length was changed).

Eddie announced that the Finance committee has been changed to the Membership committee and it is currently unchaired.

### **Treasury Report**

Started month at \$2190.74. Meeting signs were purchased signs, and the association also paid for renting the school for movie night. Balance is now at \$1789.91.

### **Approve Minutes**

Approved.

### **Old Business**

Movie night is August 29<sup>th</sup>. *Labyrinth* will be shown at Shepard School on Wisconsin.

### **New Business**

40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration will take place on October 26. Along with elections, there will be a potluck at the meeting. The main course will be provided, and residents are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. Amanda will call people.

**Open Discussion**

Craig suggested putting signs on school about how to get in for the meeting.

MVNA is looking for block captains to distribute flyers to neighbors.

MVNA is currently looking at location of light poles for hanging banners.

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned