



MVNA General Meeting Agenda
September 28, 2009
Monroe School 3641 Missouri Avenue

Social Time 6:30 PM -7:00 PM

Pledge of allegiance

Introduction of Members

Police Reports

Officer Bottini distributed a crime statistics packet, year-to-date as of September 27, 2009. Homicides are up 3 from last year. Robberies are down by 4. Aggravated assaults are up by 4. Burglaries are up by 8. Vehicle theft is up by 13. Total crime increase of 7%.

Officer Bottini mentioned that the Riverbend Apartments, which have been problematic in the past, are under new management. The new security company is working well, and calls are down significantly.

The Police Department launched a new website last month. The site (<http://www.slmpd.org/>) includes lots of information, including safety tips and a calendar of events, as well as crime information numbers. There are also email links to officers.

NSO Reports

Dena Hibbard spoke to a resident about a problem property on Stansbury Avenue. A problem tenant in an apartment on Missouri was supposed to be out; unfortunately, there is already an assault involving the new tenants. A problem tenant on Keokuk is also supposed to be out.

Dena stated that arriving at 6:30 worked well. If residents have concerns about individual properties, it's a good idea to arrive at 6:30.

Rich Schlattweiler – Jefferson Avenue Bistro

Rich of the Jefferson Avenue Bistro (3701 S. Jefferson Ave) spoke about a neighborhood incentive special that he is running through the end of the year. If during each week of the month, 4 people from Marine Villa have breakfast before 11:00 am, Rich will donate \$20 to MVNA. This special is also being offered to other neighborhood organizations. The neighborhood with the most visitors during the month will receive an extra \$20 that month.

Rich mentioned that the Bistro has a meeting room for events. It is available for community groups, rehearsal dinners, etc.

Alderman Reports

Craig Schmid – Ward 20

Craig is participating in the Citizen's Academy. The Police Department might hold another one in March. It is a great opportunity to participate and learn.

The neighborhood walks on the first, third, and fifth Mondays of the month have stopped for the year because it's getting dark earlier. Everyone is welcome when walks restart next year. This is a great opportunity to see that Marine Villa is active.

Residents who live north of Chippewa can go to the 1st district meeting on October 8, 7:30 pm, at the Five Star Senior Center.

Craig is continuing to work on the Chippewa-Broadway-Jefferson intersection area. He met with Metro and the police, and a sign has been posted about use of the bus stop. The sign states that if you are at the bus stop and are not a Metro customer, you will be arrested and prosecuted. Craig is trying to have a no trespassing sign posted at the old Hollywood Video store. If you see people hanging out at the building, call 911. Tell them that the police captain has indicated the area is a 0 tolerance area.

Craig brought up the issue of prostitution in the area. Two meetings ago, a resident mentioned prostitution at Cherokee and Jefferson. Today, someone reported there are women by Minnewood Park in the mornings. If residents see prostitution occurring, get a good description of the people, and photos if possible. Craig stressed that we need to get on top this issue, which had been wiped out and seems to be coming back. The new police captain has not dealt with this problem specifically before.

A resident mentioned prostitutes at a payphone on Broadway at Illinois. Craig has tried to get this phone out, but couldn't. So, residents need to call police and the NSO about this area so that the phone will be removed.

Ken Ortmann – Ward 9

Ken stressed that it is very important to call the police, NSO, and aldermen to report prostitution in the area. If you can get pictures, this is helpful to the police.

The building that houses the Grace Hill health clinic at Jefferson and Cherokee is in foreclosure. The clinic is trying to move into a complex across from St. Alexis. The owner of the complex wants to demolish the Carnival Supply building, which would become a parking lot for Grace Hill.

Craig added that the health clinic is only open certain hours. When it is not open, clients will probably go to the St. Alexis ER, which already does charity cases. The issue is that clients who can pay are sent to Barnes, while the charity cases would probably be sent to the St. Alexis ER, which doesn't have the funds for more charity cases. The ripple effect would be tremendous.

Committee Reports

Beautification: Pam Wucher

Pam reported there were two successful workdays at the Old Firehouse in August and September. We ran out of mulch, so we will get more to finish. Hopefully this sort of good work will start to filter into other areas.

A grant has been received for the Chippewa-Broadway-Jefferson intersection area, and 309 plants will be planted on October 10. Help is needed with planting. Betty Moore with the CBBA is heading up the effort. For more volunteer information, contact Pam at pwucher@charter.net or Betty at info@chippewabroadway.com. On October 3, 80 college students will be helping in 5 locations as part of a Faith Beyond Walls service-learning project.

Marketing: Marty Dames

Marty was unable to attend. James gave an update that there is a membership/t-shirt combo deal available.

President's Report

Eddie was unable to attend.

Treasury Report

Amanda was unable to attend.

Approve Minutes

Approved.

Old Business

The 40th Anniversary Celebration will be October 26 at 7:00 pm. We will have desserts and punch following a shortened general meeting. If you would like to donate a dessert or paper goods (plates, napkins, utensils, or cups) call Amanda at 314-558-4083.

New Business

The floor was opened for nominations for October elections. No nominations were made.

James reminded members that all officers will hold a one-year term and that the finance committee has been changed to the membership committee.

Nominations will be accepted by mail or email up to 10 days after the meeting. Send them to president@marinevilla.org

We are looking for Block Links for each block. Block Links will pass out flyers to their neighbors before meetings.

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