



CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK

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Dear Citizens:

I hope this finds all of you doing well and enjoying the beautiful weather we have been having lately. It is hard to believe that football has started and it's time for mums and cider already. Before you know it the Holidays will be here.

We had another wonderful city wide yard sale this year. Luckily, the weather cooperated and it was nice to see so many visitors. Hopefully, everyone was able to sell everything they wanted to. One thing I would like to remind everyone about it is the need to use no parking signs whenever they are going to be having an event or gathering. For example, the city's "no parking on this side of the street" signs were set out Friday evening for the yard sale on Saturday. However, several citizens had yard sales on Friday and had not asked to use the signs. Because of this, visitors to our city were parking on both sides of the street and causing many traffic flow issues for our citizens. I would ask that any time you have a yard sale, holiday party, etc. please ask to use the no parking signs so we keep our streets as navigable as possible. When placing the signs, please put them on the side of the road that would allow incoming emergency vehicles to have the easiest access "in" to the city. Therefore, if a fire truck is turning off Browns Ln. on to Mt. Vernon, we would want the even numbered side of the street to be clear of parked cars.

With that being said, we had an eventful September meeting and look forward to another lively meeting in October. We discussed new ordinances that are needed (like permanent no parking signs that could help the situation above), current ordinances that need better enforcement, and current ordinances that need to be re-written for better clarity. I would like to invite all of you out to our October meeting to see what a council meeting is like and to give feedback on any ideas you have regarding ordinances, including the idea mentioned next.

At the September meeting, it was recommended that a St. Regis Park Code Enforcement Board be developed. Other than crime and safety, the number one complaint I receive is the maintenance and upkeep of some properties throughout our city. Overall our city is a wonderful place to live with many, many nice homes. However, there are some homes where the owners or the tenants simply do not maintain the property to an acceptable level measured by our ordinances. The council and I are concerned about the property values in the City as well as the public health and safety of its citizens and the enforcement of City ordinances. To this end, the SRP Code Enforcement Board would enable the City to enforce our ordinances and issue fines without the delay of waiting on Metro Louisville. The board would have the ability to make its own rulings and determine the appropriate fine within the range dictated by the ordinance. The board would be made up of individuals who are not on the council, but who would have to be appointed by the council. We will be discussing the possibility of this code enforcement board and other ordinance

issues at the October meeting if you would like to attend and give feedback. I just want to let everyone know, that if they have had a concern about their neighbors, who have not maintained their property adequately, that the concern has been heard and is being addressed. As I said at the September council meeting, as a city we will always be getting better or getting worse. Two years from now, St. Regis Park will not be the same. The question is, do we want to be better or do we want to be worse? Under my leadership, I give you my word that St. Regis Park will be an even better place to live two years from now, than it is today.

Finally, I have heard from several citizens wanting to know what the "brick colored" mats are on the sidewalks, just before the roads. It is a great question. They are truncated dome mats that are required due to the ADA (Adults with Disabilities Act). Their purpose is to let any of our citizens or guests of the city know when they are approaching the end of a sidewalk and beginning of a roadway. You can think of them as a "warning" mat. You will or probably have already seen these mats being placed all over town.

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions on how we can continue to improve, please let me know. Thanks for the opportunity to serve as Mayor!

Sincerely,

Brandt Davis, Mayor

DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX

4308 Lincoln Rd.
4304 St. Regis Lane
4310 St. Regis Lane

ORDINANCE OF THE MONTH

Ordinance 92.03(G) - Keeping of animals. The following condition is declared to be a public nuisance; the failure to keep an animal's pen, yard, lot or other enclosure in a sanitary condition and free from preventable offensive odors.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 2	City Council Meeting
October 2	Recycling Pickup
October 16	Recycling Pickup
October 30	Recycling Pickup

CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY
COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, September 4, 2012

Following are the Minutes of the monthly Council Meeting for the City of St. Regis Park, held at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 4, 2012, at 4318 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, Ky. 40220.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Davis, Hodapp, Macy, Rowland, Schweickhardt, Walsh, and Willett. Absent: Watts.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Davis welcomed several guests and residents to the Council Meeting indicating tonight's meeting would primarily deal with citizens' concerns and ordinance issues. He invited each of the guests to speak briefly.

GUESTS:

Teague Ridge, the Democratic candidate for Metro Representative, District 18, introduced himself. Mr. Ridge is a resident of Regency Woods, attended Ascension School, and graduated from St. Xavier High School. He is the owner of Ridgerock Entertainment, managing partner at Talgrace Marketing and Media, Chief Executive Officer at Krowe Records, and is the assistant general manager at Oxmoor Country Club. He attended Belmont University and the University of Louisville. His goals are to move the Louisville Metro Council forward through increased technology and to bring greater transparency to the Council. In respect to the City of St. Regis Park, Mr. Ridge felt there should be a greater emphasis on public safety, the repaving of Lowe Road, and moving forward toward completion of the sound barrier project. Mayor Davis thanked Mr. Ridge for his comments.

Jon Ackerson, Louisville Metro Representative, has represented District 18 since November 2011, following realignment. Although defeated in the primary election, he assured everyone he would not be a "lame duck" and would continue to pursue issues in the best interests of the District until the end of his term. He advised he had been successful in securing some \$85,000 for the repaving of Lowe Road, a project to occur in September, and that he is continuing to work with those in Frankfort to complete the sound barrier. Also, an additional \$5,000 has been designated for St. Regis Park projects, \$2,000 of which is to be used for the clean up of Weicher Creek. The remaining \$3,000 is to be used for a yet unspecified public purpose. According to Mr. Ackerson, each Metro Council Member is annually allotted \$250,000 to be spent in his/her district, those funds to be distributed through grants from Neighborhood Development Funds (NDFs) and Construction Improvement Funds (CIFs). The City of St. Regis Park received an NDF grant of \$6,000 in August to help defer a portion of the costs of the ADA sidewalk ramp revision project which has been mandated by the federal government. In closing, Mr. Ackerson cautioned citizens to choose wisely their next representative for District 18 in the coming November election. Mayor Davis thanked Mr. Ackerson for his remarks and his assistance in securing the NDF funds.

Colonel Pat Walsh introduced himself as the new Chief of the McMahan Fire District. Since fire protection for the City of St. Regis Park is provided by McMahan, Chief Walsh indicated he would attend future Council Meetings whenever possible. Mayor Davis thanked Chief Walsh for his attendance.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Walsh presented the Financial Report for August 2012. 138 of 608 property tax bills for 2012 have been paid as of August 31, 2012, approximately 23%. Mr. Walsh said it was anticipated that percentage

would increase significantly with September receipts as citizens take advantage of the 5% discount which would expire September 30. In addition, in mid August, 99 residents were billed for 162 grindings for the sidewalk grinding repair project, \$6,335.82. As of September 1, 31 residents had paid \$2,331.51, 37%. Mr. Walsh emphasized the City's General Fund reflected a balance of \$502,378.93 as of August 31. Complete financials have been posted for review on the City's website.

Mr. Hodapp made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. Ms. Willett seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT:

City Engineer Mel Milburn had inspected the catch basin in front of 2820 Milburn Avenue and found it to be partially clogged. The problem was reported to MSD (Metropolitan Sewer District), the basin has been cleaned, and since there was apparently no continuing problem with drainage during the heavy rains this past weekend, the issue has presumably been resolved. Mr. Milburn advised the ADA sidewalk ramp revision project has been completed under the contract. However, he and Mayor Davis had conducted a walk through and found several areas where the red rubber mats should either be extended or replaced. The contractor has agreed to make those changes.

Mr. Milburn also stated the grinding project had identified several areas where portions of the sidewalk should be replaced either with new concrete or an epoxy product that is permanent. If used, the epoxy would be less expensive but would always have a whitish appearance similar to newly poured concrete before it cures. Mayor Davis tasked Mr. Milburn to prepare a spreadsheet identifying the specific areas involved and provide a side-by-side comparison of the repairs using concrete and the epoxy product. Mr. Milburn will present the spreadsheet at the October 2 Council Meeting. A decision will then be made as to how to proceed.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Mayor Davis suggested that due to the number of residents in attendance, Citizen Participation would occur at this time, that we would then continue with essential business, and prior to adjournment, discuss various ordinance issues. A number of concerned citizens expressed the opinion when a home in a neighborhood isn't being maintained like the others, it can be unsightly and upsetting. This could take many forms – an overgrown yard, a fence in need of repair, paint peeling on the home, or even a car parked in front of a home that hasn't been moved in weeks. While most people want to be good neighbors and may be willing to correct the issue once it is brought to their attention, in some cases, they may not agree with the same urgency. It might then be necessary to seek other remedies. Many of those attending were long-term St. Regis Park residents who had not previously been to a Council Meeting.

Mayor Davis stressed that everyone should sign up for the Blockwatch list by contacting Mr. Hodapp. In addition, it was important that citizens become involved. He was encouraged to see that is becoming the case by the attendance at tonight's Council Meeting and the fact that ten residents had filed to run for the seven Council seats in the upcoming November election. Mayor Davis asked City Attorney John Singler to outline the various steps in the compliance and enforcement process. Mr. Singler briefly summarized the steps from initially issuing a Hi Neighbor notice, to issuing a citation, to levying a fine, filing a lien on the property, and ultimately court action. Mr. Singler also mentioned Louisville-Jefferson County has an Environmental Court which primarily deals with property maintenance issues. Mayor Davis said further discussion would be continued under New Business.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

Ms. Rowland made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held August 7, 2012. Ms. Macy seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

The City has "No Parking" signs available for use by residents who host large gatherings. Residents may call Councilman Bernard Watts at 459-0995 for information regarding the use of these signs.

POLICE REPORT:

The Small City Activity Sheet will be printed elsewhere in the newsletter. No representative of Kentuckiana Law Enforcement was in attendance.

CITATION OFFICER'S REPORT:

Mr. Amon reported 112 miles were patrolled in August. He issued 28 Hi Neighbor notices. Most were for improper vehicular parking or high grass. In addition, working with Mr. Schweickhardt, two building permits were issued for fences – 4309 Lincoln Road and 4605 Lincoln Road

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

City Attorney John Singler, provided a Second Reading of Ordinance No. 4, Series 2012-2013, "An Ordinance Enacting a New Section of the Codified Ordinances Regarding Vacancies on the Council." Mr. Schweickhardt made a motion to adopt the Ordinance as read, seconded by Mr. Walsh. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Walsh, Mr. Hodapp, Ms. Rowland, Ms. Willett, Ms. Macy, and Mr. Schweickhardt voted in favor of adopting the Ordinance. Mr. Watts was absent. The motion passed and the Ordinance was adopted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Last month's newsletter referred to the disposal of city property. A complete listing of the property was provided. City Clerk Bob Graves reminded everyone the deadline for bids to be received by the City of St. Regis Park is the close of business, September 15, 2012.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Davis advised discussion of the citizens' concerns and ordinance issues would continue. Mr. Singler informed the group the basic nuisance ordinances have not been updated for quite awhile. He reiterated the process goes from voluntary compliance to filing a criminal complaint. Since Louisville Metro government has their own enforcement procedures, they too could become involved.

What followed was an extended discussion and brainstorming session. Specific properties not in compliance were mentioned, some reportedly in violation of building codes and other ordinances. Mr. Singler advised since St. Regis Park was a 4th Class City with zoning authority, it could create a Code Enforcement Board. The Board would consist of three members appointed by the City Council, however, Council Members

could not sit on the Board. This Board would have the authority to decide whether a citation could be issued and could initiate fines. Under such a Board, the City Citation Officer would become the City Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Schweickhardt was in favor of proceeding with the formation of such a Board. Ms. Macy, Ms. Willett, Ms. Rowland, Mr. Hodapp, and Mr. Walsh all felt more information was necessary. Mayor Davis tasked Mr. Singler to review the procedures of other cities and present the Council with additional information at the October 2 Council Meeting.

Mr. Hodapp brought up the issue of parking on both sides of the street. Mr. Singler mentioned parking ordinances in other local cities range from no street parking at all to parking on only one side of the street to only parking on the street when a driveway is filled to capacity. Mr. Hodapp asked if parking restrictions could be imposed on a temporary or trial basis. Mr. Singler stated a Municipal Order for a set period could be issued. Mayor Davis tasked Mr. Hodapp to draft a proposal to be presented at the October Meeting.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Hodapp made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Rowland seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Submitted by Bob Graves, City Clerk

(These Minutes are considered unapproved until signed by Mayor Brandt Davis)

Approved:

Brandt Davis, Mayor, City of St. Regis Park

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ST. REGIS PARK MEETINGS

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THE PUBLIC IS INVITED.