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# CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK

## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Citizens:

I hope this finds all of you doing well and enjoying the beautiful weather we continue to have. As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, the Holidays are already here. With that being said, the council has determined that there will be no Halloween party this year. However, we will still be having our annual Holiday party. This year it will be from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the gymnasium at St. Andrews UCC located at 2608 Browns Ln. I hope everyone continues to come out and bring their families. We will have plenty of food, prizes/toys, and fun for everyone. It is a great time to meet new friends and renew acquaintances. Finally, regarding Holidays, I have heard from many residents that would like us to bring back "Light Up St. Regis." I see no reason for this not to happen and it is my goal for 2013 to bring it back.

Next, I would like to thank Nick Bliven. He painted the fire hydrants all throughout our city in order to obtain his Eagle Scout badge. Thanks Nick for your efforts. Between the freshly painted hydrants, address boxes, yellow curbs, ADA ramps, and roads, the City looks great!

Next, Fire Chief Pat Walsh would like me to remind everyone that October is/was Fire Safety Month. Chief Walsh said any citizen could have their smoke detectors checked free of charge by calling the McMahan Fire District at (502) 491-4745. He also indicated that the fire department is planning a CPR class for the community sometime in the future. Details will be announced at a later date.

At the October meeting, the council and I continued to discuss a St. Regis Park Code Enforcement Board. As I stated in last month's newsletter, 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. Therefore, we will continue discussing this Code Enforcement Board.

As we approach the New Year, I am going to be introducing a 1 year plan on things I would like for the City to accomplish in 2013 as well as a projected 5 year plan. I have learned from an early age that people don't plan to fail, they fail to plan. As the Mayor of this great city, I feel as though it is my duty to work with the council and outline a projected path for us. Again, as I mentioned in last month's letter, we will either be better off or worst off in the future than we are right now. Nothing ever stays the same. I believe a projected 5 year plan would give me, the council, and all of our citizens goals to shoot for as a city and a clear path so there will be no ambiguity.

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions on how we can continue to improve or if anyone has any projects or goals they would like to see in the City's 5-year plan, 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**

90.06 Animals. The owner is responsible for picking up and disposing of his/her animal's waste outside of his/her property. There is a penalty of \$5.00 to \$25 per violation. (90.99)

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Nov. 6	Election Day
Nov. 6	Council Meeting
Nov. 13	Recycling
Nov. 27	Recycling
Dec. 9	Holiday Social

# **CITY OF ST. REGIS PARK MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, October 2, 2012**

Following are the Minutes of the monthly Council Meeting for the City of St. Regis Park, held at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 2, 2012, at 4318 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40220.

## **ROLL CALL:**

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

## **MAYOR'S REMARKS:**

Mayor Brandt Davis welcomed a number of guests and residents to the Council Meeting indicating there was much City business to conduct. All in attendance would be given an opportunity to address the Council during the Citizen Participation portion of the meeting.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

In the absence of Mr. Jim Walsh, Ms. Gloria Curran of the firm Charles J. Veeneman, Certified Public Accountant, presented the Financial Report for September 2012. Ms. Curran stated revenues to the General Fund for the month of September totaled \$160,295.94, with total expenditures for the month being \$18,640.79. For the fiscal year to date, total revenues were \$249,519.15, with expenses of \$99,023.95. The General Fund balance at the end of September was \$644,034.08. Revenues for the Road Fund during September were \$3,200.56 with expenses of \$323.85. For the year, revenues total \$9,625.56, expenses were \$1,252.93, a fund balance of \$1,132.14. Total assets are \$667,769.14, with liabilities of \$13,301.70 and total capital of \$654,467.44. Complete financials have been posted for review on the City's website, [www.stregispark.net](http://www.stregispark.net).

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

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:**

Ms. Laurel Rowland made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held September 4, 2012. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hodapp and passed without dissent.

## **POLICE REPORT:**

Detective James Clark of the Louisville Metro Police Department represented Kentuckiana Law Enforcement. The Small City Activity Sheet is printed separately in the newsletter.

## **CITATION OFFICER'S REPORT:**

Mr. Drew Amon, Citation Officer, reported 105 miles were patrolled in the City during September. 19 Hi Neighbors were given out, 5 citations were issued, and 10 Metro reports were made. The outcome of those reports will be made available during the November Council Meeting.

Mr. Amon also advised of an incident of neighbors helping neighbors. A resident was recently in a nursing home and unable to care for his property. In his absence, his neighbors pitched in and took care of the yard work.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Mr. John Singler, City Attorney, advised he had sent Council Members various examples of more comprehensive nuisance ordinances. For their review, the Council had also been provided with a Code Enforcement Ordinance of a nearby comparable city.

A question was asked in reference to the City's application to share in revenues from the issuance of traffic citations. Mr. Singler advised cities who have their own police departments or those such as St. Regis Park who contract for additional police protection can make application to the Commonwealth of Kentucky to share in those revenues. Compensation is seemingly made on a pro rata basis. The City recently made application to be included, however, no funds have yet been received.

## **CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

City Engineer Mel Milburn reported the catch basin in front of 2820 Milburn Avenue had been cleaned by MSD (Metropolitan Sewer

District). The drainage problem has hopefully been resolved.

Mr. Milburn advised the ADA sidewalk ramp revision project has been completed. The contractor has either replaced or extended several of the red rubber mats. The additional expense was approximately \$500.00, primarily the costs of the materials.

As previously reported, the recent grinding project had identified several areas where portions of the sidewalks should be replaced either with new concrete or an epoxy product that is permanent. Mr. Milburn had identified 21 sidewalk areas to be repaired, approximately 349 square feet. Several cost estimates were presented. Mr. Hodapp made a motion, seconded by Ms. Willett, to expend a maximum of \$3,490.00 for the spaled sidewalk repairs. The motion passed without dissent.

Mr. Milburn presented the possibility of obtaining a preliminary easement for the erection of some form of permanent sign for the City of St. Regis Park. Mr. Jim Glass of Mt. Vernon Road, owner of the Glass Sign Company, mentioned several varieties and types of signs. An extensive discussion ensued. It was the consensus of opinion that no permanent sign be erected or pursued, at least at this time.

Mr. Barry Linker of Lincoln Road asked Mr. Milburn about additional sidewalk grinding repairs. Mr. Milburn advised there had been an inventory of all sidewalks within the City. By Code, any section of sidewalk with a raised elevation of ¼ inch or more is a tripping hazard. Repairs were made accordingly. Since that inventory was conducted, other sections of sidewalk may have elevated. An inventory will be conducted citywide on an annual basis. Appropriate repairs will then be made as necessary.

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS:**

Mr. Bill Hodapp advised there had been several recent car break-ins. Mr. Hodapp also suggested the possibility of implementing parking restrictions throughout the City. He had conferred with Chief Pat Walsh of the McMahan Fire District regarding the difficulty of emergency equipment responding when vehicles were parked on both sides of the street. The subsequent discussion covered several aspects from eliminating parking on the side of streets where fire hydrants are located, exempting restricted parking on courts since hydrants are located on main thoroughfares, only allowing street parking when a driveway is completely full, taking no action, or to possibly initiating a fire lane on main roads. Keeping St. Regis Park a park like setting and enforcement were also expressed as major concerns. Mayor Davis tasked Mr. Hodapp to research the possibility of a fire lane and present his findings at the next Council Meeting. Mr. Glass will assist in respect to what signage would be required.

Ms. Sandy Macy advised she still has a number of stick-on yard waste signs available. Any resident wishing a sign can contact her at 938-2441.

Ms. Laurel Rowland recently had the City's radar sign in front of her house. She had observed that not only traffic coming toward the sign reduced their speed, those traveling in the opposite direction also slowed. Ms. Rowland also advised she had contacted MST Awards regarding distinctive nametags to be worn by Council Members at City events. The cost would be nominal, approximately \$5.50 each. Mayor Davis advised the nametags should be ordered after the November election when the composition of the next City Council would be determined.

Mr. Louie Schweickhardt advised he had issued one building permit for the erection of a fence on Aintree Way. Mr. Schweickhardt had also mailed Rental Property Information Forms to the owners of those properties identified as rentals. He has received considerable feedback which has enabled him to refine the list. Two property owners have already paid the \$150.00 fee for 2013.

Mr. Jim Walsh was absent. Ms. Curran had previously given the Financial Report.

Mr. Bernard Watts stated the City had lost approximately 70 "No Parking" signs following the recent citywide yard sale, and of those returned, as many as 40 need to be replaced. Mayor Davis asked Mr. Watts to obtain estimates for replacing the signs as necessary. Those estimates would be considered in formulating the City's budget for the next fiscal year. Mr. Watts also advised three residents had thus far volunteered to serve on the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee. The Committee will decide on a proposed budget, dates, activities, etc.

**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.**

Ms. Cheryl Willett said she had received several requests from residents for the radar sign to be placed on their property. Mr. Hodapp will respond accordingly. In addition, according to Ms. Willett, residents of the 4400 block of Lincoln Road recently held their 16<sup>th</sup> annual block party. Plans are being formulated for the City's December Christmas Party. Funding for a possible "Light Up St. Regis Park" for December 2013 will be considered for next fiscal year's budget.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Both the projects of painting the house numbers on the curbs and the yellow painting in close proximity to stop signs and fire hydrants have been completed. House numbers were painted at 576 locations at a cost of \$5.00 each, the total cost to the City of \$2,880.00. 74 man-hours were expended to paint the yellow curbing at a cost of \$30.00 per hour. The total cost to the City was \$2,220.00.

Painting of the street sign poles is continuing. Preparation work has been completed. The actual electrostatic painting has been delayed due to recent weather conditions. The project should be completed in October.

Surplus City property was previously advertised and bids solicited. The deadline for bids was September 15. There being no outside bids, Mr. Hodapp made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schweickhardt, that all surplus City property as previously advertised be donated to the McMahan Fire District. There was no dissent. The computer hard-drive will be cleaned of any and all City information prior to McMahan taking possession.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

At the September Council Meeting, Representative Jon Ackerson, Louisville Metro Council, District 18, announced approximately \$85,000.00 had been secured for the repaving of Lowe Road and an additional \$5,000.00 had been designated for St. Regis Park projects. \$2,000.00 was to be used for the clean up of Weicher Creek. The remaining \$3,000.00 was to be used for a then yet to be determined public purpose. The Louisville Metro Public Works Department said that although MSD did in fact have an easement, the banks of the creek were actually private property. Therefore, public funds could not be used for that purpose. After conferring with several Neighborhood Development Funds specialists, the City of St. Regis Park has made application to Louisville Metro Government for the funding of two projects through NDF Grants. This first is a grant for \$2,992.00 to cover the costs of the painting of the street sign poles. The second is for \$3,490.00 for the spauled sidewalks repair project. The City is awaiting word on those applications.

Mr. Charlie Nicklies requested permission to place a sign in the yard at Browns Lane and Lincoln Road advertising the Ascension School Open House on October 23. The sign would be placed in the yard on or about

October 10 and removed on October 24. The Council by voice vote granted unanimous approval.

Because of time constraints and to insure residents were given the opportunity to express themselves, any further New Business was deferred to subsequent Council Meetings.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

Many residents made known their concerns on a variety of issues. Most comments related to the maintenance or lack thereof on neighboring properties. Other comments related to recent car break-ins, speeding, and instances of individuals disregarding stop signs.

One resident expressed her concern with the police patrolling St. Regis Park in unmarked cars. Detective Clark addressed the proper course of action to take if a citizen is uncertain they are being stopped by an actual police officer driving an unmarked vehicle. He suggested the occupant drive slowly to a lighted area and remain in the car until the officer approached. The window should be rolled down slightly to be able to communicate with the officer. If the officer is not in uniform, call 911, explain you are uncertain you have been stopped by an actual police officer, and ask for an uniformed officer to come to the scene. Your request will be honored. Also, Detective Clark stated all police officers contracted through Kentuckiana Law Enforcement to provide additional police services in St. Regis Park are required to be in uniform, regardless of their vehicle being marked or unmarked.

**ADJOURN:**

Ms. Rowland made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hodapp seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Submitted by Bob Graves, City Clerk (These Minutes are considered unapproved until signed by Mayor Brandt Davis.)

Approved:

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Brandt Davis, Mayor, City of St. Regis Park

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**If anyone has any questions/ suggestions for the website please let him know! frank@wheatley.net**



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#### **MEMBERS**

Cheryl Willett, Special Events - 458-8386  
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Bernard Watts, Parking & Yard Sales - 459-0995  
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James Walsh, Finance - 452-6515  
Bob Graves, City Clerk/Treasurer - 451-2047  
Andrew Amon, Citation Officer - 451-6360  
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The McMahan Fire District - 911

#### **ST. REGIS PARK MEETINGS**

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month  
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**THE PUBLIC IS INVITED.**