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Dear Citizens:

I hope this finds all of you doing well and enjoying the Holidays! The City Council and I would like to invite all of you out to our Annual Holiday Social. It will take place 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.

Another event I would like to mention is a breakfast with Santa hosted by Ascension Church. The breakfast will be Sunday, Dec. 9 at approximately 11:30 a.m. (after 10:30 Mass). All are welcome! There will be lots of fun, good food, door prizes and of course, Santa!

The next item I would like to discuss is the upcoming Sanitation schedule. Please make a note that Recycling and Sanitation will be picked up on December 26th (delayed one day). December 26th will also be the last day for Yard Waste Removal for the season. It will resume March 5, 2013. Finally, Christmas trees will be picked up on any sanitation day (Tuesday) after Christmas, except for December 26 and January 2.

Now, I would like to thank the following Council Members for years of service: Bernard Watts, Sandy Macy, and Laurel Rowland. All 3 of these council people have served our city well. Serving on council takes a lot of time, energy, and dedication. Thank you Bernard, Sandy, and Laurel for all that you have done.

Next, I would like to introduce your new council beginning Jan. 1, 2013. They are the following: Jim Walsh, Bill Hodapp, Cheryl Willett, Louie Schweickhardt, Talbott Allen, Bob Graves, and Bob Aldrige. As with the previous council, I look forward to working with the new council and continuing to make St. Regis Park a great place to live.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, 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 would like to hear from as many of you as possible in regards to any suggestions you may have as far as any project that may better the city.

At last month's meeting, one possible suggestion for improvement in the city was made by Lieutenant Alejandro Cabrera of the LMPD. Lieutenant Cabrera is a citizen of St. Regis Park and operates his own private law enforcement company on the side. He feels as though he can offer better service to our city and save us money all at the same time. It has not been decided if St. Regis Park will use Lieutenant Cabrera's company. However, this is just one example of leaving no stone unturned when it comes to bettering City Services and/or saving money.

One final note. With the time change and it getting much darker earlier in the evening, I would ask that all Citizens be mindful of turning on their outside lights. Turning on outside lights not only serves as a deterrent to potential criminal activity, but it is also nice for our Citizens that enjoy walking about our neighborhood.

If anyone has any other 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

ST. REGIS PARK
Invites you to the Annual

HOLIDAY SOCIAL

Sunday ***** December 9
4:30-6:00 pm

At St. Andrew Church on Browns Lane

Food Music
Prizes

Neighbors Fun

IMPORTANT DATES

- December 9 - Breakfast with Santa at Ascension
- December 9 - SRP Holiday Social at St. Andrews
- December 11 - Recycling
- December 26 - Recycling (Delayed one day)
- December 26 - Sanitation (Delayed one day)
- December 26 - Yard Waste Ends for the Season

Christmas trees may be set out any collection day (Tuesday) after Christmas except for December 26 and January 2.

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

Tuesday, November 6, 2012

Following are the Minutes of the monthly Council Meeting for the City of St. Regis Park, held at 7:30 PM, Tuesday, November 6, 2012, at 4318 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40220.

ROLL CALL:

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

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Brandt Davis welcomed several guests and residents to the Council Meeting. All in attendance would be given an opportunity to address the Council during the Citizen Participation portion of the meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Jim Walsh presented the Financial Report for October 2012. Mr. Walsh reported 2012 property taxes had been paid to date on 580 of 610 properties in the City of St. Regis Park – 95%. Thirty tax bills remain unpaid. In addition, six property owners have paid the required \$150.00 fee and completed the applicable Rental Property Information Form.

Mr. Walsh stated revenues to the General Fund for the month of October totaled \$48,168.80, with total expenditures for the month being \$23,131.24. For the fiscal year to date, total revenues were \$297,687.95, with expenses of \$175,532.76. The General Fund balance at the end of October was \$669,071.64. Revenues for the Road Fund during October were \$3,082.94 with expenses of \$5,239.46. Expenses included the labor and supplies for the painting of the house numbers on the curbs and the yellow painting of the curbs in no parking areas. Bill Hodapp and Andrew Amon were each paid \$1,100.00 for their labor in painting the yellow curbs. Matthew Willett, Angela Amon, and Kari Amon were paid \$960.00 each for their painting of the house numbers.

Mr. Walsh pointed out a \$356.00 expenditure to KLC Insurance Agencies was incorrectly identified as bonding. The payment was actually for Workers Compensation by audit for the period July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012. The Financial Statement will be corrected accordingly. Complete financials have been posted for review on the City's website, www.stregispark.net.

Mr. 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. Sandy Macy made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held October 2, 2012. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hodapp and passed without dissent.

POLICE REPORT:

Officer Dan Montgomery of the Louisville Metro Police Department represented Kentuckiana Law Enforcement. The Small City Activity Sheet is printed separately in the newsletter.

Lt. Alejandro Cabrera of the Louisville Metro Police Department and a resident of St. Regis Park made a presentation to the Council on behalf of his company, Neighborhood Security and Asset Protection (NSAP). NSAP presently provides supplemental police services for the cities of Westwood, Forest Hills, Brownsboro Farms, Norbourne Estates, and the City of Kingsley. Lt. Cabrera outlined his goals would be to provide superior and courteous service to the residents of St. Regis Park while offering safety and security in the area. He felt NSAP could reduce St. Regis Park's costs for police services by adjusting the number of hours patrolled to fit when patterns of crime occur. In addition to himself, he employs four off duty LMPD officers on a regular basis with three other officers as needed.

Lt. Cabrera proposed patrolling St. Regis Park 60 hours per week at a cost of \$35.00 per hour. Kentuckiana Law Enforcement presently patrols the City 100 hours per week at a cost of \$30.00 per hour. In addition, he pledged to personally attend all City Council Meetings

unless prohibited by illness or being on vacation. Should such an event occur, a representative would attend on his behalf.

Mayor Davis thanked Lt. Cabrera for his presentation and indicated his proposal would be taken under advisement by the Council.

CITATION OFFICER'S REPORT:

Mr. Amon, Citation Officer, reported 112 miles were patrolled in the City during October. Twelve Hi Neighbors were issued. Also, MetroCall responded and provided reports on ten service requests.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. Mel Milburn, City Engineer, was absent but had submitted a written report. The City and Shane Whitaker Concrete have signed a contract to repair the spalled sidewalks at a cost of \$3,490.00. No actual work has been done to date awaiting appropriate weather conditions that meet the product specifications for installation.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

City Attorney John Singler addressed delinquent property taxes. One property owner owes past due St. Regis Park property taxes for the years 2009, 2010, and 2011. Two others owe taxes for 2011. Liens have been filed on all properties. Mr. Singler outlined the enforcement options available to the City. The liens run for a period of eleven years subject to renewal. According to Mr. Singler, in many instances property owners are also delinquent on state and county taxes, and if those taxes are sold or foreclosure is initiated, all lien holders of record are paid.

To date, property owners have paid \$5,441.68 for the sidewalk grinding repairs which occurred earlier in the year. Twelve property owners have not paid. One of those is disputed. Mr. Singler again outlined enforcement options available to the City. Mayor Davis felt the eleven undisputed properties should be personally inspected. Mr. Amon agreed to do so while making his rounds. If no defects are found and the repairs were in order, a final billing will be rendered accompanied by a letter from Mr. Singler affording the property owner to voluntarily pay before any further action is taken.

At the October Council Meeting a question was asked in reference to the City's application to share in revenues from the issuance of traffic citations. In response to the City's earlier application to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, St. Regis Park received an initial quarterly court costs distribution of \$1,811.37 in October. Further distributions are expected on a quarterly basis.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Mr. Walsh previously presented the October Financial Report. He had no further report.

Mr. Hodapp stated he would support Lt. Cabrera and NSAP should the Council consider a change in supplemental police services. As Director of Public Safety for St. Regis Park, Mr. Hodapp mentioned difficulties experienced obtaining written reports from Kentuckiana Law Enforcement covering the hours patrolled. Of the 100 hours patrolled weekly, Mr. Hodapp said reports generally cover approximately 45 hours, and most reports are generated by Officer Ron Fey of LMPD. He stated Officer Fey does an exceptional job for our city and is to be commended.

Ms. Laurel Rowland mentioned many of the residents in the City were not turning on their outside lights. She had observed a number of dark areas. She felt there should be a reminder in the next newsletter that turning on outside lights serves as a deterrent to any criminal activity.

Ms. Willett stated there had been several recent incidences of vandalism in the City. Late Sunday evening November 4 or early Monday morning November 5, a number of pumpkins were smashed on several roadways.

Ms. Macy advised she had no report.

Mr. Louie Schweickhardt advised two building permits had been issued. One permit was for a chain link fence on Woodward Drive. The other was for a deck with a roof on Hedgerow Court. Mr. Schweickhardt also stated 37 possible rental properties had initially been identified in St. Regis Park. That number has since been reduced to 32. To date, six property owners have paid the \$150.00 annual rental fee. He felt the wording of the Rental Property Information Form should be refined. In particular, a deadline should be included. Mayor Davis tasked Mr.

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.

Schweickhardt to coordinate with City Attorney Singler in respect to the wording of the form.

Mr. Bernard Watts was absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Schweickhardt previously provided an update on the Rental Property Information Forms. No further discussion was necessary at this time.

In Mr. Watts' absence, there was no update of the City's upcoming 60th Anniversary Celebration.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Jefferson County League of Cities' 2012 Annual Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, November 29, at The Olmstead, 3701 Frankfort Avenue. The featured speaker is Lt. Governor Jerry Abramson. Mayor Davis encouraged all Council Members wishing to attend to give their names to City Clerk Bob Graves at the conclusion of the meeting.

At the September Council Meeting, Representative Jon Ackerson, Louisville Metro Council, District 18, announced funds had been designated for possible St. Regis Park projects. In early October, the City submitted two separate applications to the Louisville Metro Council to obtain Neighborhood Development Funds (NDF) Grants. Those applications went before their Appropriations Committee on December 1 and were approved. On November 6, the City of St. Regis Park received confirming letters for grants of \$2,992.00 for the painting of the City's street sign poles and \$3,490.00 for the spalled sidewalk repairs. After completion of the NDF Grant Agreements and returning them to the Louisville Metro Council, funding of both projects should occur in short order.

Mayor Davis indicated there was a need to establish consistency for the hiring and paying of contractors. City Attorney Singler outlined several methods of dealing with small contractors to include requirements of insurance coverage or treating the individual contractor as a City employee subject to applicable withholdings. Mayor Davis requested Mr. Singler draft a policy proposal to be presented at the next Council Meeting.

Mr. Hodapp had mentioned at the previous Council Meeting the possibility of introducing a proposal to restrict on street parking. Mr. Hodapp said he had received telephone calls from a number of residents. All were opposed to the imposition of any restrictions; none were in favor. Therefore he was withdrawing any such proposal at this time.

Mayor Davis advised any discussion regarding the formation of a Code

Enforcement Board would be deferred to a future Council Meeting.

Mayor Davis also mentioned the prices of several recently sold properties in the City. One property was being offered at a much reduced price by its owner which could effect the comparables and in turn, have a negative affect on residents attempting to refinance. Mayor Davis suggested a system be developed to track and publish the real estate transfers in the City so everyone would have a general idea what their property was worth.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

All residents were asked if they wished to address the Council. Those in attendance elected not to speak at the time.

Ms. Willett reminded everyone the City of St. Regis Park Holiday Party will be on Sunday, December 9, at St. Andrew United Church of Christ, 2608 Browns Lane. The hours are 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM.

Col. Pat Walsh, Chief of the McMahan Fire District, was thanked by Mayor Davis and the Council for coordinating the painting of the fire hydrants throughout St. Regis Park. The Scouts did an outstanding job. Chief Walsh explained the hydrants are painted bright yellow for visibility and the caps, generally painted blue, signify the water pressure of the hydrant.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Mayor Davis stated he would entertain a motion to adjourn. Mr. Walsh made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hodapp. The motion passed without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM.

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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Andrew Amon, Citation Officer - 451-6360
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Louie Schweickhardt, Building Permits - 442-5922

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ST. REGIS PARK MEETINGS

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