

**Southwest Garden Neighborhood Association
Fourth Quarter General Membership Meeting
October 28, 2019
5602 Arsenal Street
St. Louis, MO 63139**

Meeting opened at 7:07 pm: Welcome remarks were made by Chuck Fuhry.

Treasurer's Report: Checking Account \$4,775.07; Savings Account \$13,061.63; Heroes Account: \$609.57. Motion to accept the report as filed was made by Floyd Wright. The motion was seconded by Barbara Anderson. Motion carried.

Minutes: Minutes are available at the entrance. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Floyd Wright. The motion was seconded by Barbara Beck. Motion carried.

Bob Woodruff, Chief Operations Officer of the Missouri Botanical Gardens: Bob presented the plans and overheads for the new visitor center to replace the Ridgeway Visitor Center. The Garden will have normal business hours and the entrance will be available during the time of construction from ground breaking until completion in 2022. Of the \$92 Million budget is 90% is funded. Construction will begin January, 2020. Parking will continue to be an issue, and underground parking costs \$60,000 per space.

Heroes and Sandy Grbac: George and Sandy Grbac have hosted Heroes Appreciation for 18 years. This event honors first responders, including police, fire and emergency personnel for our men and women in blue. Sandy came to recognize those businesses and volunteers who contributed to a successful effort. Those honored were as follows:

BMO Harris Bank
Chris's Pancake House
Guido Pizzeria
Ron Metejka
Annie Oliver
Mary Ann Owens
Lonny and Pat Hewitt
Kris and Al Jackson

Crime report: Sgt Burgdorf reported that crime is down but auto theft is up. There have been 11 auto thefts and 26 autos broken into. Everybody needs to be involved. When seeing someone unusual, make eye contact and pay attention. One-third of the city's budget is for the police. A fiber ring has been authorized so that LPR cameras can be placed anywhere in the city. These LPR cameras can read license plates.

10th Ward Alderman Report: Alderman Joe Vollmer reported on the hill project.

8th Ward Alderwoman Report: Alderwoman Annie Rice recognized the long time contribution of the Grbac family. She commented on arial video footage.

She voted "No," on the residency requirement before the Board of Alderman because the issue is too preliminary. The city's biggest problem is the personnel department.

Airport leasing is being discussed throughout the community. Stayed tuned.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Barbara Anderson. The motion was seconded by Lonny Hewitt. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Al Jackson, Recording Secretary