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Tower Grove South Concerned Citizens Special Business District (SBD)



Annual Public Meeting

October 18, 2018

St. Paul United Church of Christ

Introductions & Agenda



Board of Commissioners:

- Kathryn Heitzenroeder
- Deborah Cohen
- Julien Marin-Couilloud
- Tonya Anderson
- Gary Newcomer
- Walker Hamilton

Agenda:

- Special Business District
- Purpose of the Special Business District
- History
- Roles & Responsibilities
- How does SBD Security Coverage Work?
- Crime statistics
- Activity Reports
- Safety Tips
- 2019 Budget
- Share your ideas!
- Questions & Answers



Special Business District Coverage

760 properties within the following boundaries:

West: Roger Place

South: Gravois Ave to Phillips/Roger

East: S. Grand

North: alley between Utah Place and McDonald



Purpose of the Special Business District

- To plan and implement specialized public safety services and improvements within the District as, in the judgment of the Commission, are needed by the District and are appropriate under the provisions of Ordinance 68038 (69292), specifically:
 - *“To provide special police and/or security facilities, equipment, vehicles and/or personnel for the protection (crime prevention/response) and enjoyment (nuisance control/abatement) of the property owners and the general public within the district.”*
 - *“To construct, install, initiate, improve and/or maintain useful, or necessary, or desired improvements for the protection and enjoyment of the property owners and the general public within the District, which can include: street and alley cleaning services, trash receptacles, traffic signs and other speed deterrents promoting street and sidewalk safety, safety and security signage, street and alley lighting and any other useful or desired security-related improvement.”*

History

- Special Business District (SBD) taxes were first collected in 2009.
- Security (City Wide Security) patrols began April, 2010.
- The Neighborhood Voted in August, 2018 to Renew the SBD
 - Maximum \$0.85 per \$100 of assessed value
- St. Louis City Ordinance requires an annual public meeting.
- Upon the completion of this public meeting, the 2019 budget will be submitted to the St. Louis City Board of Alderman (Prior to Nov 1st.)
- Per Missouri Statue ... Board of Commissioners should consist of 5 property owners and 2 renters within the boundaries of the District.

Roles and Responsibilities

Responsibilities of the Board

- The board oversees the business aspects of maintaining the special business district as well as managing the annual budget of collected tax funds.
- The Board of Commissioners participates in monthly meetings which include: reviewing monthly incident reports and security schedules, discussing security issues and concerns, overseeing the budget, approving spending and retaining meeting minutes and records.

Call for action:

- We are looking to fill board openings as soon as possible. If you are interested, please provide your address and phone number.

What to expect if you Volunteer:

- The Board of Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor with approval by the 15th ward Alderperson.
- The City of St. Louis will send you an application for completion.
- **After the completed application has been returned to the City of St. Louis, it will be vetted for criminal record and tax liability. City employees also cannot serve on the Board.**
- Once application is approved, the new member is required to go to City Hall and take the oath.
- The term of service is determined by the City.

How Does the SBD Security Coverage Work?



- Security is staffed by off-duty St. Louis Police officers (City Wide Security).
- Security is patrolling for safety and security of people and property.
- Security patrol is within boundaries of SBD.
 - 4-6 hours per day
 - 5-7 days a week
- Security will respond to Officer request for assistance outside of the SBD boundaries when needed.
- Security is made aware of problem properties.
- Patrol schedule is not made public in order to ensure greater effectiveness.



City Wide Security Activity Report-2018



Last Twelve Month	Pedestrian Stop	Parking Violation	Foot Beat	cit. int	Assists	Building Check	Direct Patrol	Total Activity	Arrests	Focused Area
10-24-17 to 12-02-17	4	0	30	18	7	15	33	107	0	N/A
12-03-17 to 01-08-18	2	0	25	4	4	15	37	87	0	2
01-09-18 to 02-18-18	4	1	20	5	6	10	26	72	0	2
02-19-18 to 03-16-18	2	0	13	1	3	7	39	65	0	2
03-19-18 to 04-20-18	6	0	9	6	5	18	48	92	0	2 and 4
04-30-18 to 05-20-18	1	0	9	5	5	8	21	49	0	4
05-25-18 to 06-22-18	1	0	22	4	4	14	44	89	0	2
06-24-18 to 07-13-18	3	0	5	6	2	6	13	35	0	2+3
07-19-18 to 08-19-18	4	0	6	3	7	2	59	81	1	2+3
08-21-18 to 09-17-18	1	0	14	6	5	0	30	56	1	2+4
09-18-18 to 10-12-18	4	0	6	4	6	6	48	74	0	4
Total	32	1	159	62	54	101	398	807	2	

Combination of Car AND Foot Patrol.

City Wide Security Also Plays a Very Important Preventive Role

City Wide Security Activity Report-2018



Examples:

On 3-4-18, P.O. McNamara utilized his department issued Narcan to save the life of an individual overdosing on an opiate in the 3600 block of McDonald.

On 04-01-18 P.O. Fiala located a missing juvenile runaway and returned her to her parents at Fanning Middle School.

On 06-14-18 P.O. Washington assisted District 2 in the apprehension of a shoplifter running from the Walgreens store with over \$80.00 of merchandise.

On 08-02-2018- P.O. Russell assisted District 2 and private bounty hunters with the apprehension of a violent felon who absconded on weapons and fraud charges. The individual was located by P.O. Russell and P.O. Harger of District 2 hiding in a dumpster in the rear of the 3700 block of McDonald.

On 08-10-18 P.O. Russell Arrested an individual for peace Disturbance and urinating in public after a large disturbance was broadcast over the District 2 radio

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Safety Tips



- ❖ Keep doors and windows locked.
- ❖ Secure windows and central air conditioning units to prevent break-ins and theft.
- ❖ Never leave valuables or other items in your vehicle.
- ❖ Leave your porch lights on at night.
- ❖ Report all crime or suspicious activity by dialing 9-1-1.
- ❖ Have keys in your hand when walking to your car.
- ❖ Be aware of your surroundings ... don't walk and talk on your cell phone.
- ❖ Walk with a purpose and make eye contact with passersby.
- ❖ **TRUST YOUR INTUITION**

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2019 Budget

Tower Grove South Concerned Citizens - SBD	
Proposed 2019 Budget	
Item	\$
Carryover From Prior Year	\$67,251
Property Tax Revenue	\$110,300
Subtotal - Revenue	\$177,551
Admin & Legal	\$22,500
Special Programs	\$57,500
Security Patrols	\$75,000
Subtotal - Expenses	\$155,000
Carryover (to 2020)	\$22,551

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We want your input!

- **At last year's Annual Meeting, residents identified broad areas where we could dedicate extra resources:**
 1. Slow down traffic
 2. Light up the sidewalks for pedestrians
 3. Alternative methods of security (other than current patrols)

4. Fix vacant buildings --> We learned that SBDs can't contribute funding to address private properties
- **Tell us your ideas of how we can improve safety in these three categories**