The TIMES of.... SKINKER DEBALIVIERE

Vol. 31 No. 2 **June-August 2000** **FREE**

The oldest neighborhood newspaper in St. Louis **Independent and all volunteer-run since 1970**

Construction Starts on Playground

On Sunday, June 4, parents and their young children, and other neighbors, gathered to celebrate the start of construction on a neighborhood playground for tots. The playground is on DesPeres, adjacent to the SDCC office. At the groundbreaking, the little ones wore hardhats and had shovels and pails as they began to sift dirt in the lot which has already had its paving removed. Katrina Stierholtz, chair of the Playground Committee (and SDCC Board member) spoke and thanked the many donors and her committee for making this longheld dream soon become a reality. Special appreciation was expressed to Dan Skillman, City Parks Commissioner, who worked tirelessly to facilitate all phases of the project She introduced Alderman Lyda Krewson (D-28) who helped make the project succeed. She gave the playground $10,000 of ward capital funds. People continued to arrive and all enjoyed the soda and hot dogs the committee furnished. Stierholtz said the playground would be complete by August and the official opening will be at National Night Out, the first Tuesday in August.



Dan Skillman



Mini groundbreakers get in the spirit of the occasion.



Katrina Stierholtz offers remarks to the future patrons of the Playground and their parents.

Neighbors Discuss Concerns about Washington University

On Saturday morning, June 10, at least 50 neighbors gathered at the St. Roch Church Hall at a meeting sponsored by Rosedale Neighbors. The purpose was to continue a discussion begun at the annual Rosedale meeting, namely brought about the purpose of a number of properties in the neighborhood by Washington University and to ask questions about the University's future plans. New Rosedale president, Tim Schoemehl, opened the meeting and set out its agenda. Then Dan Schesch, representing the McPherson-Kingsbury blocks, laid out a history of the University's recent activity in Skinker DeBaliviere. Schesch said tht in the spring of 1997 Washington University bought 32 buildings in Rosedale from Parkview Properties. Since the initial purchase, the University has acquired 18 additional buildings. They now own 50 properties, with 343 dwelling units in Rosedale. These units are concentrated on the 61xx and 60xx blocks of Pershing and Waterman. This means they own 1 of every 9 Rosedale buildings according to Schesch. Fourteen of these are 2 or 3 family buildings. Schesch also mentioned that the University has a 5 year forgiveable loan program for faculty and staff who purchase homes in Skinker DeBaliviere. These $4000 loans are forgiveable if the recipients stay in their homes for 5 years. The loans carry an important codicil however—a 30 year right of first refusal. That means that Washington U. as the right to match any offer made on the property for 30 years even if the owner who received the loan no longer owns the property. At its May meeting, the SDCC Board passed a resolution requesting Washington U. to eliminate the use of this right of first refusal. Washington U. said it was considering the request. Schesch further noted that these University purchases of residential dwellings removes them from the tax rolls, particularly hurting the public schools. Schesch said the loss is estimated to be $134,000 per year. Finally, Schesch turned to the fate of the Arthur Bldg. (the old home of Talayna's on Skinker). Washington U. has also acquired this building. Schesch said that the university maintains it is too costly to rehab. They plan to replace it wih a high quality building, housing offices and retail on the first floor. It might house the campus police. Schesch said he is afraid the university may eventually find that the residential buildings it owns are too expensive to rehab. Paul Hohmann displayed a map showing the university acquisitions in the neighborhood and copies were distributed to those attending the meeting. Steve Givens, Assistant to the Chancellor at Washington U. and Washington U. representative to the SDCC Board, then made a presentation on behalf of the university. He spoke of the school's long range plan to expand its buildings to Skinker. Although the school expects the student body to remain roughly 5000 undergraduates and 5000 graduate students, the university feels it needs more buildings for research and classrooms. There will be

Continued on page 9

JoAnn Vatcha's update of the neighborhood history, Part II, "Development and Diversity" begins this issue on page 5.

Exterior Code Enforcement Planned for Skinker DeBaliviere

At its June meeting, the SDCC Board voted to go ahead with exterior code enforcement for the Skinker DeBaliviere neighborhood. This last occurred ten years ago. City inspectors will examine the exterior of all residential units at a date to be set by the Council in July. The inspectors will be looking at gutters, chimneys, rooves, painting, and tuckpointing. In the case of the latter two items, at least 10% of the work must need repair to be cited.

The rationale for this enforcement is that almost all buildings in the neighborhood are almost 100 years old. To ensure the neighborhood's stability and increased viability, the buildings must be preserved. The Council recognizes that code enforcement may cause considerable anxiety. Well before the starting date, public meetings will be held to acquaint residents with the nature of the inspections and the compliance required. The process to request extensions will be highlighted. In addition, the Council is preparing packets for residents that will further explain the procedure, provide information about reduced-interest loans for those with lower incomes, and introduce the possibility of receiving credits on state income tax for repairs that are undertaken. The Council will flyer the neighborhood about the meetings on code enforcement, assemble lists of possible contractors, and also set up special meetings with specific block units.

The enforcement will not begin before the spring of 2001. For questions, contact Laure at the SDCC, 862-5122.

Delmar Notes

Events continue apace as Delmar redevelops:

1. A study to assess the feasibility of having a trolley connect the Delmar Link with the Loop is proceeding.

2. The St. Louis Design Alliance has virtually completed its renovation of the exterior of the old BiRite/A&P building. Check it out—you won't recognize it!

3. Former Mayor Freeman Bosley Jr. is a partner in the group that has purchased the old McDonald's site. A Big Jake's Barbecue—a sit-down restaurant—should open there in the fall.

Continued on page 2

Editor's Notebook

by Lana Stein

The Times is looking for a few additional volunteers. We could use a reporter or two and we could certainly utilize someone who could sell ads for the paper. Volunteers would not have to labor more than an hour or two a month. The Times has warm and friendly staffers who are more than eager to work with some fresh blood. It's fun plus we give great neighborhood parties! If interested, call 721-7532.

On June 3, I celebrated my 11th anniversary in Skinker DeBaliviere. The years have passed very quickly. The neighborhood has changed; it is safer; it looks better. And, best of all, lots of people want to live here and they're willing to pay prices we would not have imagined in 1979, 1989, or 1995. A good economy has certainly helped a number of city neighborhoods. But, ours has survived difficult times to become a model of diversity. That doesn't mean there aren't problems every now and again but we've come a long way. The only down side is that some who want to buy a house here now can't afford to. The new playground now being built at Four Corners will make the area more attractive to families. The community gardens are a source of pride, a fine meeting place, and a great way to supply your table with fresh produce. Some want to live here because of the proximity to MetroLink. Others note the construction on Delmar and realize this may well be the good, new days.

There are cynics who dismiss the city as antiquated, inconvenient, not modern, not the place to be. Well, we're here and I hope most of us are glad of it. The young people who are working with Metropolis to promote the city deserve our thanks. Their motto is "The city is back. Back the city." We can add "Skinker DeBaliviere is back. Back the neighborhood." Except that our neighborhood was never gone. It was challenged and its residents have met the challenge.

Continued from page 1

4. Progress on the Pageant: The walls are up and construction proceeds on schedule. Very very thick walls were first seen—these provide the sound proofing for the theatre

There's more late-breaking news: SDCC and its Delmar Commercial Committee have been awarded a $ 10,000 grant from FIRSTAR BANK. Called the "FAN" Grant, for Firstar Advantage Neighborhood, this grant will provide funds for marketing and new banners on Delmar. The goal of the program is to deliver positive outreach to the North St. Louis community. As our plans for Delmar have always had the objective of consistent design and use standards—and first class redevelopment—both north and south, east and west, on Delmar, the FIRSTAR program proved a perfect fit! The grant will be made in August, so look for more details in our next issue.

The TIMES of.... SKINKER DEBALIVIERE

Editor: Lana Stein
Business Manager: Lois Schoemehl
Production Manager: Marj Weir

The Times of Skinker DeBaliviere is published by the West End Publishing Co., a not-for-profit, independent, community organization. Members of the Board of Directors are:

Tom Hoerr, Marcia Kerz, Katie Kurtz, Venita Lake, Loretta Lloyd, Essie McLean, Sue Rothschild, Juliet Schoemehl, Lois Schoemehl, King Schoenfeld, Lana Stein, JoAnn Vatcha, Marjorie Weir, Kathleen Williams

Printing: Arcade Printing

Advertising Rates:

Display Advertising:
Column width, 2.25". Minimum ad size 2" x 1 col: $24/insertion;
(10% discount 5 to 8 issue contract; 15% discount 9 issue contract)
For a complete list of sizes and rates, write
The Times, 6168 Westminster, 63112, or call 727-6630.

Guidelines for Submitting Copy

The Times welcomes unsolicited articles and letters. Because of the small size and volunteer nature of the writing staff, the quality and range of The Times has always depended in large part on submissions from non-staff area residents.
All material - articles, letters, notices, classified ads - must be typewritten on opaque paper, double-spaced, and signed. Copy may be submitted on computer diskette if the diskette is in DOS format or on **high density** Macintosh diskettes. Submissions on diskette should be accompanied by a printout of the article, the name of the word processing software in which it is written, and the full name and address of the party to whom the diskette should be returned. The signature on correspondence to the editor may be omitted by request. Calendar listings should be phoned in to the editor at 721-7532, or mailed to 5855 Nina Place, 63112.

The deadline for all copy is the 18th of the month.

The writer is responsible for the accuracy of the data, including times, dates, locations, and particularly the spelling of names.
Pictures or illustrations should be in black and white. Color photographs often do not reproduce well.

The editor retains the right to omit or alter any material.

Calendar

Neighborhood Events and Meetings

6/28 Skinker DeBaliviere Community Housing Corporation, noon, 6008 Kingsbury

7/10 Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 6008 Kingsbury

8/1 National Night Out, 6:00-10:00 p.m., FOUR CORNERS PARK, Kingsbury and Des Peres

8/14 Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 6008 Kingsbury

8/26 RAGS TO RICHES, Neighborhood-wide yard sale sponsored by Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council and the Rosedale Neighbors Association, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Throughout Skinker DeBaliviere

Other Events of Interest

now-7/30

"Landscape," an exhibition by 27 area painters and sculptors at the Des Lee Gallery, University Lofts Bldg., 1627 Washington Ave.

6/29 Code Blue to Perform for Jazz at Holmes Lounge, Ridgley Hall, Washington University, 8:30pm.

7/1-9/24

WONDERLAND presents work by ten respected contemporary artists who create and transform spaces, at the Saint Louis Art Museum.

7/6 InsideOUT to perform for Jazz at Holmes Lounge, Ridgely Hall, Washington University, 8:30pm.

7/18 PRELIMINARY DESIGNS FOR NEW METROLINK STATIONS to be shown to the public. Presentation by the Bi-State Consultant for Cross-County Expansion. All residents are encouraged to attend. Location and site to be announced. If interested, contact John and Sole Van Emden, 644-4116. Whether there will be time for comments from the public is not known at this time.

7/19 and 7/24

ALDERMAN LYDA KREWSON TO HOLD TOWN HALL MEETINGS. All residents are encouraged to attend. Discussion will include te city budget and projects taking place in the ward. There will be question and answer sessions. The 7/19 meeting is at 7:30pm in the St. Roch Church Hall. The 7/24 meeting will take place at 7:30pm at Second Presbyterian Church, Westminster at Taylor.

7/20 Mike Karpowicz Trio to perform for Jazz at Holmes Lounge, Ridgely Hall, 8:30pm.

Preliminary Plans for new MetroLink Stations to be Presented on July 18

by Daniel Schesch

John and Sole Van Emden have mentioned that Bi-State representatives are scheduled to present to the MetroLink Extension Station Committees the first look at preliminary station plans for the several stations including the Forest Park and Skinker Stations on Tuesday, July 18. You may wish to note this date on your calendar, the place and time for the meeting have not yet been determined, they will let us know as soon as it is.

John and Sole, Dan McGuire, and Brian Witherspoon (residents of the 6000 block of Pershing, 6100 block of Westminster, and 5800 block of Waterman respectively) are Skinker-DeBaliviere residents appointed by the city to the MetroLink station design committee for both the Forest Park (DeBaliviere) and Skinker stations last year. Sole is also the Rosedale Neighborhood Association's Pershing-Waterman representative on the Council. Also on the committee is Alderman Lyda Krewson, and Susan Goodman representing Washington University.

Note: We are unsure at this time how much time will be allotted at that meeting for public comment. But in any case, after viewing the designs and hearing the presentation, please express your concerns or interests to the committee members so that they can relay them to Bi-State.

Depending on the content of the meeting on July 18, the Transportation Committee of the Council will consider holding a follow-up meeting a few weeks later to which Bi-State representatives would be invited and at which residents will be able to ask questions and make comments.

OFF. 721-5600
RES. 862-5071

BROKER ® ASSOCIATE

KARLEEN O. HOERR
LIFE MEMBER MILLION DOLLAR CLUB
LIFE MEMBER MULTIMILLION DOLLAR CLUB

DANIEL B. FEINBERG REAL ESTATE CO.
360 N. SKINKER BLVD.
ST. LOUIS, MO 63130

National Night Out

Neighborhood-wide Block Party to Celebrate Our Community

On Tuesday, August 1, residents and friends from throughout the Skinker DeBaliviere neighborhood will gather at Four Corners Park to observe National Night Out. We will celebrate our successes, meet and greet friends old and new, share some good refreshments, participate in new and different activities, and enjoy the good music and company offered by John Thomas and Friends on the Big Red Stage.

There will be festivities celebrating the construction of the new, long-awaited playground for tots immediately adjacent to Four Corners. There will be a community volunteer fair where residents can learn about services available locally and about opportunities for them to participate as volunteers in those services. There will be face painting and games of chance. There will be lots of refreshments FOR SALE...this party is a FUNDRAISER to support the activities of the Council in the neighborhood. Grace Methodist youth group provides children's games with prizes to raise funds to support their activities. Block unit 59xx McPherson once again will hold their ice cream social, which pays for a number of activities on their block during the year. There will be lots of information and plenty of excitement. As always, there will also be room for those who want to bring their lawn chairs and listen to some great music provided by our own John Thomas and friends.

Meanwhile, the 5800 block of DeGiverville, goes table-cloth formal with a full-blown block party for residents...good food, good fun, great time to socialize according to chief organizer Mr. Butler...give him a yell if you can lend a hand. As we go to press, there is no news yet of any other individual block parties being planned. Keep your eyes open for a flyer and for further information... you can always call the Council office at

862-5122.

New Building Planned for DeBaliviere

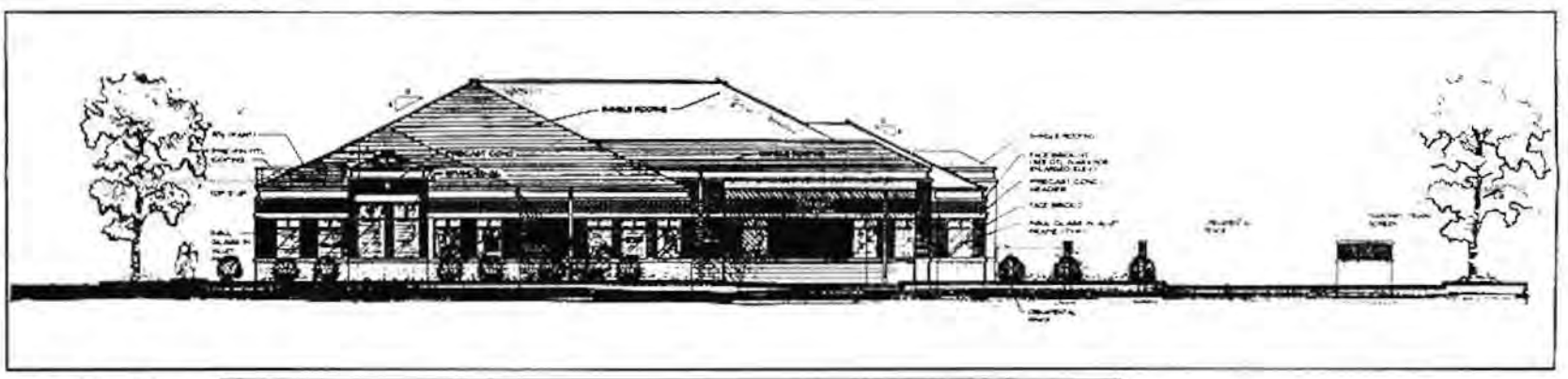
On May 30, developer Jack Davis made a presentation to representatives of several neighborhoods at Crossroads School concerning plans to erect a new building just to the east of Talayna's restaurant on DeBaliviere. This building will house Gambro Healthcare, a dialysis center, presently located at the strip mall across the street. Gambro desires a larger facility with more adequate parking that can also house its administrative staff and a training facility. The proposed building will be over 4,000 square feet. They plan to keep existing landscaping and add as well. There will be 20-25 people at the new facility at any one time in addition to those being treated.

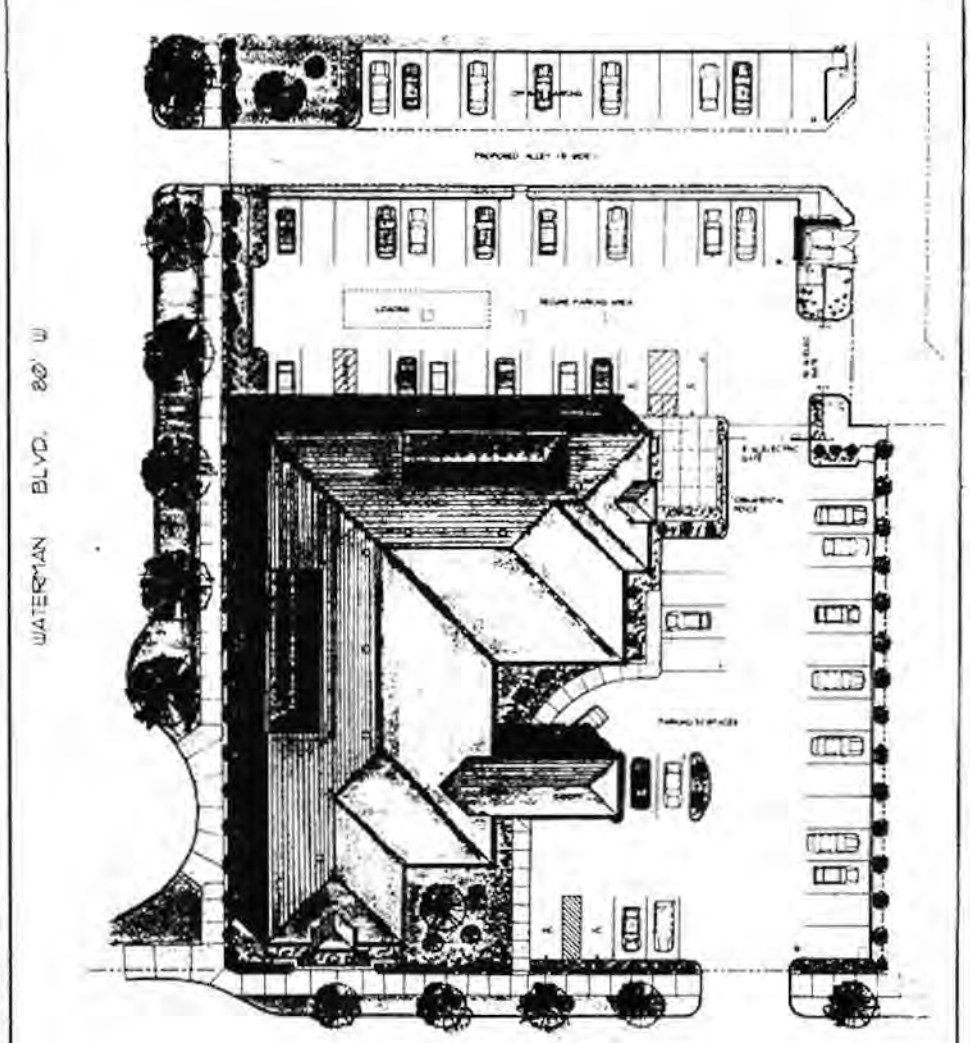
A conditional use permit is needed because the rear of the 2 lots to be used for the building will be used for parking. Davis said they would see 24 patients at any given time and be open from 7am to 7pm. At the strip mall, they treat 14—15 patients at a time. There will be 52 parking spaces of which 28 will be in the back for employees.

JoAnn Vatcha, chair of the Commercial Development Committee of the SDCC, suggested asing the Streets Dept. for a study regarding the traffic pattern. Billy Handmaker, head of Crossroads, said there could be tie-ups with people doing U-turns in order to go south on DeBaliviere.

Gambro is taking a 15 year lease on the facility that Davis' firm will own. Davis said an environmental clean-up was necessary. It should take 8 months to build the facility.

Davis asked the SDCC for support of the conditional use permit. The SDCC will deal with this at its meeting of June 12.





Above: New Gambro Healthcare building's west elevation (facing DeBaliviere)

Left: Site Plan of the Gambro Healthcare building by Ottolino Winters Huebner

The Times will next be published in (or about) September.

Remember to share your pictures and good times with us.

We want to record the history we're making today!

Permanent Tribute to Kathleen Hamilton

On Sunday, May 28, family and friends of Kathleen Hamilton gathered at Pagoda Circle by the MUNY in Forest Park to dedicate a plaque in her honor. She was cited as a strong supporter of the park and of the Central West End area. Sue Clancy delivered remarks on behalf of Forest Park Forever and former mayor Vince Schoemehl spoke of her tremendous commitment to neighborhood-building. Hamilton had been a founder of Central West End Bank and a strong proponent of the Community Reinvestment Act that mandated that banks invest in central cities. Guests at the dedication drank a glass of champagne to a warm and wonderful woman who had given so much of herself to neighborhood and city.

Pagoda Circle in Forest Park Has Been Restored

The water has returned to Pagoda Circle in Forest Park.

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry has filled the lake that surrounds the Pagoda Circle. It had been drained for two years while the area was rebuilt under the Forest Park Master Plan.

The area now has new roads, bridges and the area was landscaped by the Parks Department and the Flora Conservancy, a group of volunteers who planted more than 22,000 flowers and plants in the area around the Nathan Frank Bandstand.

The Flora Conservancy created a unique partnership...the first of its kind in the country...to implement the Pagoda Circle project. This is a partnership of the Parks Division, Forestry Division, master gardeners, students from Meramec Community College, professional landscape architects and engineers, and plant brokers working alongside volunteer gardeners (led by Parkview resident and Master Gardener, Andrea Schnapp). The landscape plan was created by the famous landscape firm of Oehme van Sweden and Associates of Washington, D.C.

Work is still continuing in Forest Park to connect the major lakes. Pagoda Circle will be part of that system when it is completed but now it is a free-standing lake.

Theatre Drive, which was closed for construction work on the Old Stable Bridge, was reopened right on time for The MUNY to begin its season on June 19.

Blueberry Hill

Meet your friends for:

HAMBURGERS

Hamburgers • Jerk Chicken
Vegetarian Specials
Appetizers • Chili • Salads.
NEW Veggie Burger • Soups

★ ★ ★ ★

BREAKFAST served every day & night from 11 am

Bacon, Sausage & Eggs
Golden Waffles
Biscuits & Gravy
Fresh Fruit
Blueberry Muffins

6504 Delmar • 727-0880

Views of the City

by Billy Handmaker

It's early morning, the streetlights are still on, there are few cars in sight, and I am entering Forest Park from Des Peres Boulevard for my morning bike ride. Almost nobody is out, and it feels like I have the whole park to myself. The wonderful thick, humid St.Louis summer air sits like a heavy blanket on me as I head east. (Maybe I am too lazy to ride up the hill on Skinker.) As I view the lights of the Jefferson Memorial, I admire the new addition. As I head toward the eastern end of the park, I steer around the geese crossing the bike path from the meadow to the mist-shrouded ponds. (After being chased by a goose last summer, I give them a really wide berth.) As I go up and down hills by the zoo, I sometimes hear the symphony made by the animals waking up. I move through the Kennedy Forest, but slam on the brakes so I don't hit a wild turkey, that's right a wild turkey, hurrying across the path. As I go around one more time, more runners and cyclists enter the park, and as I head home, I leave the paths to the others who will come throughout the rest of the day. It's been another breathtakingly beautiful ride in Forest Park, and I feel grateful to live so close to one of the most valuable resources in St. Louis.

As I make my way home, I stop by our plot in the McPherson Community Garden to water our vegetables. This attempt at urban farming has been a new phenomenon in our family, and we take great pleasure in it. We have enjoyed weeding the garden, while making salad with our own lettuce, weeding, dining on some of our beet greens, weeding, cooking with our home-grown cilantro, and oh yes, weeding. Did I mention that we have to weed our garden? Anyway, thanks to the help of one of Skinker-DeBaliviere's kindest citizens, Andy Cross, we have grounded, pun intended, ourselves, even more into this neighborhood. The garden has offered us another way to enjoy the company of our neighbors, given our children the chance to get their hands dirty, and allowed our family to have a typically rural activity in the city.

Cycling through Forest Park and working in the community garden reminds me of just how green of a city St. Louis is. (So does driving down our streets at spring as everything is in bloom.) I remember once in the autumn several years ago when I stood on the balcony of a high-rise apartment in the Central West End and looked west. The gorgeous fall foliage that covers everything except the Art Museum from Kingshighway to Clayton reaffirms the natural beauty of this city.

As urban residents, my wife and I have chosen to live in the city with all of its concrete. We like the sidewalks beneath our feet, the buildings rising above us; and sounds of buses and cars on the street: Walking amongst the tall buildings on a downtown street, feeling the heat coming off the sidewalk, and waiting at the corner for the "walk" sign reminds us of the energy generated in a city. We forego the tranquility of the forest or the bucolic beauty of the countryside for the adrenaline rush of the avenue. It's fast paced, it's frenetic, it's sweltering in the summer and freezing in the winter-but it's fun.

However, even the hardcore urbanite once in a while craves a little nature. Maybe it's a need deep inside us to maintain some connection to the ground underneath the asphalt. Maybe it's an antediluvian attachment to trees and a need to sit under them and feel the protection of their shade. Maybe it's something inexplicable in our genetic code forcing us once in a while to lie down on a cushion of grass and stare up at the clouds and the sky. What ever it is that compels us to look for the green within the gray, we need it and we seek it out.

I had the pleasure last year of reading Witold Rybczinski's A Clearing in the Distance, a biography of the American pioneer in landscape architecture, Frederick Law Olmstead. In addition to being a beautifully written book, this piece of non-fiction compels the reader to look anew at green spaces in our cities. Olmstead realized that cities need manicured parks, but they also require unkempt, wild, green places. In creating these spaces, we offer a haven from the hustle and bustle of the crowded and loud streets, and a place for us to re-energize ourselves by tapping into something almost primeval. However, the importance goes beyond this.

By balancing the excitement of the urban life with the tranquility offered by green places, we make ourselves whole. Whether it's spending time in Forest Park or sticking our fingers in the soil of the community garden, we combine the best of the city with the joy of nature. Even as one rides through the newly developing wetland in the eastern end of the park, one can see the lights of the Barnes-Jewish-Children's Hospital complex above. It's this combination of wild nature with the most conspicuous form of shaping our surroundings, a city, that offers us a balance in our own selves. (Maybe it's like staying out all night before we go into work or study for an exam-we require structure but we also like to ignore the rules or go crazy every once in a while.)

Fortunately for those of us lucky enough to live in this part of the St. Louis area, we don't have to leave our homes to have the green and the gray. We have both, and that's the way it should be.

RAGS TO RICHES August 26

Changing the traditional date of Rags to Riches from September to August proved so popular last year that the adjustment in timing appears to be a permanent one. Rags to Riches, the highly popular and always successful neighbor-hood wide yard sale, sponsored jointly by the Rosedale neighbors Association and the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council, will be held Saturday, August 26, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

For a ten dollar registration fee, participating families get the benefit of paid advertising placed in all the metropolitan newspapers the Wednesday and Friday before the event, as well as in the Saturday edition of the *Post Dispatch*. Promotional flyers are distributed throughout the community to increase the number of customers who come by, and registered vendors are listed on a map that is provided free to customers when they check in at our registration site on Skinker Boulevard. Students returning to Washington University have the opportunity to find the final items they need to finish of their residence at bargain prices.

If you don't want to have your sale at your address, or if you live in an apartment and your landlord may not encourage you to have a yard sale, you can pay $10.00 and reserve space on the parking lot at Skinker, where the registration table is located, or, this year, at new spaces assigned at Four Corners Park.

Grilled brats and liquid refreshment are also available for purchase starting around 11:00 a.m. Early risers can purchase coffee and donuts. The Celebrity Bake Sale returned last year to cheers and whistles. It was a close vote, but Officer Don Reynolds was selected as the most noteworthy celebrity baker for his chocolate chip cookies. This year, the sky is the limit. So celebrities, dust off your baking utensils and get ready to participate.

KINGSBURY ANIMAL HOSPITAL
420 N. Skinker (at Kingsbury)
Stephen A. Brammeier DVM
Kim Selting DVM
Full Service Grooming Available
Hours by Appointment
9-6:30 Mon.-Thurs. / 9-4:3 Fri / 10-2 Sat.
721-6251

WE CATER TO COWARDS
THE FORSYTHE DENTAL GROUP
HARVEY W. SMALL, D.M.D.
VALERIE PARIS O'BANNON, D.M.D.
The Dorchester
665 S. Skinker
St. Louis, MO 63105
725-0988

OFF. 721-5600
RES. 863-0220
BROKER ® ASSOCIATE
RENNI SHUTER, GRI
LIFE MEMBER MILLION DOLLAR CLUB
RELOCATION SPECIALIST
DANIEL B. FEINBERG REAL ESTATE CO.
360 N. SKINKER BLVD.
ST. LOUIS, MO 63130



Rapid Progress is being made on the new Pageant Theatre in the 6100 block of Delmar.

NEIGHBORHOOD CHRONICLES

THE 70'S, PART II: DEVELOPMENT AND DIVERSITY

by JoAnn Vatcha,
with assistance from Lana Stein

Between 1970 and 1980, the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood had a loss in population of 1,132 persons. The area east of DeBaliviere now known as DeBaliviere Place lost 2,617 persons, about 2 ½ times as great a loss. Thus, the larger area went from 9,574 to 5,825, a loss of over 60%. Our more single-family oriented area was struggling hard to retain its beautiful housing stock, despite redlining by banks and other obstacles. Most residents and leaders of the Skinker-DeBaliviere revitalization effort had definite goals for successful racial integration and worked hard at every turn to further that goal.

The drastic loss of population to the east had no one simple cause. Many of the apartment buildings had been converted to rooming houses during the Depression, and the housing shortages after World War II caused crowded conditions until the widespread move to the suburbs in the 50's. White flight became a factor in the 60's; apartment buildings with little cash flow and meager appraisal value were abandoned by owners who had exhausted depreciation and tax benefits. Redlining was the explicit policy of every bank, so possible buyers couldn't get mortgages. Neighborhood activism against HUD policies and against slumlords also affected the rapidity of the evacuation.

Crime and drugs were serious problems. Events, such as the "West End Rapist," who terrorized the area and actually turned out to be a policeman, exacerbated the perception of crisis. The "Women's Crusade Against Crime," many of whose original members came from the nearby private streets, joined with residents of Skinker-DeBaliviere. Many African-American women like Anna Busch participated with white residents like Suzanne Hart, to try to maintain the stability of the single-family part of the area while fighting blight.

Just imagine DeBaliviere east to the private streets in this seriously deteriorated, frightening state. Riding the bus downtown, I recall seeing vacant buildings on both sides of the street, with broken windows and missing doors. Once I watched unbelieving as a school bus dropped off a child on Clara, just off Pershing, imagining the fear of actually living in such an abandoned area. As one account of the era says, "The whole 106 acres contained block after block of abandoned, decayed buildings in a veritable ghost town." (McClellan, p. 245). Our only grocery store, Bettendorf's on DeBaliviere, closed when Schnuck's bought the chain. Parkmoor Restaurant moved to Clayton Rd. The Apollo had become a porno theater.

West of DeBaliviere, one had only to look north of Waterman to see similar apartment houses and similar signs of blight. By 1971, 39 buildings had already been condemned by the City as unsound or unfit for occupancy. An abandoned Milner Chevrolet lot lay to the north of Kingsbury, and beyond that to the north was the Bi-State property, which had not been improved in many years.

The Early Years of the People's Clinic

by King Schoenfeld

In the ferment of the early 70's, the issue of health care for everyone was as important to some young people as stopping the war in Vietnam. Inspired by the Chicago-based Medical Committee for Human Rights, local med students and some Skinker-DeBaliviere neighbors began to ask how they could follow other cities in providing free health care.

Some were activists working for patients' right, like Rev. King Schoenfeld of 61XX Westminster, whose booklet on the subject was published by a local Lutheran chaplaincy agency and later, by Blue Cross. Others were determined to open a "free clinic" in the area. These were led by a charismatic ex-Marine, Peter Muckermann of 61XX McPherson, a hospital administration student with ties to med students at the university med schools here.

After months of discussions and planning by a dozen or so people, a search was begun for a location for their clinic. Turned down by the local Baptist church, they found a storefront in the building at Four Corners currently occupied by the Community Council. Volunteers spent additional months building a makeshift but comfortable clinic furnished in late Goodwill and stocked with medical supplies and equipment begged or borrowed from friends in the profession.

Open several hours a week, the clinic was a success. Students and other neighbors came for care, and the volunteer staff of medical students, nurses and doctors, like Fred Bauschard (a dermatologist whose practice is now located on Chippewa), kept the operation going. Care was free to anyone.

After several years the People's Clinic became a fixture, but staffing, income and facilities were a constant issue. A better facility would allow the clinic to serve more people. Paid medical and clerical staff would be necessary to operate a full-service clinic. And money would be necessary for all that.

The clinic's board scouted for a new location, while plans for funding were made. Eventually new facilities on Delmar near DeBaliviere were renovated and opened. While the move east radically changed the clinic's relation to Skinker-DeBaliviere, I opened the clinic to a new world of patients.

Within years success drove the People's Clinic to expand by building an entirely new facility.

Early volunteers for the Clinic included: the Women of St. Roch's Rita Magyar, Judy Maschan, Arline Burgdorf (later Webb), Dr. Vinod Seth, Barbara Bailey, Kathy Gentry, Doug Strong, Mary Webber, and Christine Smith, who later became Executive Director. Members of the Clinic Council included George Brown, Anna Busch, Mary Boyts (later Schmit), Catherine Sullivan, Maverine Wilson, William Bolden, Mary Alice Krueger, Jim Parker, Gene Hoefel, Bill Williams, Gordon Carlson, Mimi Newsham, Art Perry, Sue Sante, and Chris Wright. Many, many more individuals were strong supporters and worked to provide quality care prior to the federal grants which allowed for paid staff.



In 1984, the Clinic's new facility on Delmar celebrated new equipment. From left, Dr. Daniel Whitehead, Jr., Medical Director; Ray Armstead, St. Louis' only Olympic Gold Medalist; Betty Jean Kerr, Executive Director of the Clinic; Sharen Bull, from the Monsanto Fund.

KINGSBURY REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Redevelopment of this "ghost town" area was critical, and the new Alderman, John Roach, was clearly the man to tackle the problem. Roach actually campaigned for re-election while sponsoring a controversial bill to gain redevelopment rights and to blight the area using 353 designation. Alderman Roach worked closely with SDCC's Cal Stuart, Bob Moore, and Jack Wright; Laddie Cours and Bob Blackburn of Washington University; Richard Hart, and others. They held neighborhood meetings, leading to action by the Board of Aldermen in 1971.

From the ordinance passed in 1971, the Kingsbury Redevelopment Corporation (KRC) was formed. Directors were Cal Stuart, then Executive Director of SDCC, a white neighborhood resident; Bob Moore, then Chairman of SDCC's Board, and Jack Wright, both black neighborhood residents. The corporation hired the consulting firm Team Four to draw up a plan for the area bounded by Delmar to the north, DeBaliviere to the east, up to but not including DeGiverville on the south/west. The area included the 5700 blocks of Westminster, Kingsbury and McPherson and the 5800 and 5900 blocks of Washington [roughly the area now known as Kingsbury Square]. KRC did not cover the area east of DeBaliviere.

Continued on page 8

NEIGHBORHOOD CHRONICLES

St. Roch in the 1970's

During the turbulent times of the 60's and 70's, Skinker-DeBaliviere benefited from the presence of St. Roch and its cleric, Father (later Monsignor) Robert Peet. The Roman Catholic Church divides metropolitan areas into parishes, and, generally, Catholics attend their parish church. Research in the Boston area (Gerald Gamm, Urban Exodus) has demonstrated that white Catholics are not as likely to flee an area when racial change occurs because of their parish ties. St. Roch Parish is a prime example.

Father Peet took part in the march in Selma, Alabama, during the civil rights movement and felt a deep commitment to equality. As Jean Eberle pointed out in 1981:

Father Peet has been an unobtrusive but dominant force in the revitalization of the Skinker-DeBaliviere area. When he arrived in May of 1962, the "smart money" people at real estate companies, lending institutions and insurance firms were writing off this neighborhood. At the same time the changes arising from Vatican II were going into effect in the Catholic Church, so many felt double uncertainty and frustration. One of Father Peet's first announcements was that St. Roch's would build a new school building which would include the long-needed gymnasium. This enabled the sixty St. Roch's children attending other schools to return to St. Roch's in 1964, and made space available for other local students.

Then, in 1970, St. Roch's made a bold announcement, that it would open its school to non-Catholics. Many, many parishioners worked hard with the larger community to make this experiment a success. Dr. Jose M. Sanchez, Jr., present of the school board, announced that "St. Roch's intends to become a genuine neighborhood school, while continuing to maintain its traditional high academic standards." Writer Jim Hitchcock pointed out in his 1970 article that:

St. Roch's has consistently had the best record of any parochial school in the city...and ranked first in the Iowa Basic Tests...The school also boasts some distinguished alumni, including the late Dr. Tom Dooley, the famed Laos surgeon, and Michael Harrington, author of The Other America, a book credited with focusing national attention on the problem of poverty in the 60's.



Monsignor Robert Peet

The school and the church were opened to the wider community. Many SDCC meetings were held at the church hall and "Scariot Hall" was the site of numerous parties, where Catholics and "social Catholics", white and black, would gather. These events heightened the sense of community for all involved. People still reminisce about St. Patrick's Day gatherings. Kathleen Hamilton would play the piano and Father Peet would croon. The laughter and warmth of those occasions can easily be brought to mind by those who were there.

It is fortunate for Skinker DeBaliviere that Father Peet, Sister Leo Ann, and so many parishioners believed in the neighborhood. One resident remembered that Father Peet used to walk around the neighborhood in the evening so that residents would see him and feel less afraid. He helped many through darker, more troubled times here. His continual human touch, his steady involvement with the Council and other neighborhood organizations, his approachability, and his linkage of St. Roch to the community played an immeasurable part in the neighborhood's comeback. Sister Leo Ann Bub, principal of St. Roch's School for many years, was also a fearless fighter for the children and neighborhood. She worked closely with non-Catholic parents and lay teachers, as well as the other Sisters of St. Joseph, Sister Charles, Sister Dorothy, Sister Herbert, and others who taught at the school during this challenging time. In 1981 Msgr. Sal Polizzi was named by the Archbishop as pastor of St. Roch's. Msgr. Polizzi built on that strong foundation and ensured the viability and fiscal health of the school and the church for a long time to come. More about these later times will be explored in future installments.



St. Roch's was widely recognized for its diversity. A photographer came in 1980 to take a picture of Sister Leo Ann Bub, Principal, and this interesting class, including students from Laos and Russia, and others of mixed background, including Peru and India. Of the remaining students, over 1/3 were black and nearly 40% were non-Catholic. From left to right: (top row) Sister Leo Ann Bub, Richard Humphrey, Sai Sirimanotham, Vicki Cheripinsky, Dawn Noland, Jason Dulick, Clifton Reed, Reggie Lyons, (bottom row) Michael Lyman, (unidentified), Conrad Knoten, Katie Gotway, Chris (last name unknown), Patricia Chavez, Benjamin Breun, William Humphrey, Colleen Thomas, and Dina Vatcha.

NEIGHBORHOOD CHRONICLES

The plan was opposed by many residents, especially as it proposed demolition of over 68 buildings, although 39 of them had already been condemned by the City as unsound or unfit for occupancy. Long-time neighbor Willis Lloyd recalled recently the methods used by Team Four, which included using "windshield surveys, not talking to individuals" and generalizing that every block east of Des Peres that had apartment buildings was blighted. Lloyd, who had been a postman in the neighborhood since 1967, and felt that conditions were much more individual and that you couldn't preserve a neighborhood by tearing everything down. It reminded him of Mill Creek, the infamous urban renewal area around Union Station which had in the 50's displaced a huge proportion of the African-American population of St. Louis. The very word "blight," while required in the 353 legislation, brought shades of meaning to redevelopment which were never helpful in gaining support. The language of the report itself was blunt, too, for example, "the Developer's best estimate is that approximately 1000 people will be displaced by the redevelopment—half by the already slated City program and half by the Developer." (Team Four, p. 13)

To address the issues of race and fairness, a large Redevelopment Corporation Board was also formed, 40% of whom were black, locally active residents of the neighborhood, as well as William Douthit, President of the Urban League of St. Louis. The "Women for City Living" opposed including any subsidized housing. But the plan was eventually approved by the Board of Aldermen in 1972. A new Redevelopment Advisory Committee was formed to solicit input from the neighborhood and included Jean Eberle, representing Parkview, Council Smith, representing Washington Heights, and Ed Stout, representing Rosedale. This group held a series of meetings and wrote periodic pieces for THE PAPER to try and communicate issues and outcomes to the community.

Even with a plan on paper, for three years potential developers failed to find financing. During this time, redlining was rampant here and elsewhere—it was 1975 before the Community Reinvestment Act was passed by Congress. John Roach, who had worked on the Board of Aldermen to obtain funding for the City from the brand-new federal Community Development Block Grants, ran for Comptroller in 1973, then left the Board of Aldermen in 1975 to become the first Director of the City's Community Development Agency. Roach instituted several programs patterned after the successful redevelopment efforts in Skinker DeBaliviere. When Conway became mayor in 1977, Roach left CDA to join Leon Strauss at Pantheon Corporation to implement development projects. From 1975 on, a new and energetic alderman, Vince Schoemehl, took the lead in redevelopment of the area.

SDCC, after being granted several extensions by the City to find a developer, began in 1975 working with Pantheon, which had just completed Convent Gardens in the Central West End. According to Jean Eberle, who wrote in the October, 1975, issue of THE PAPER, the "History of Redevelopment in Skinker-DeBaliviere":

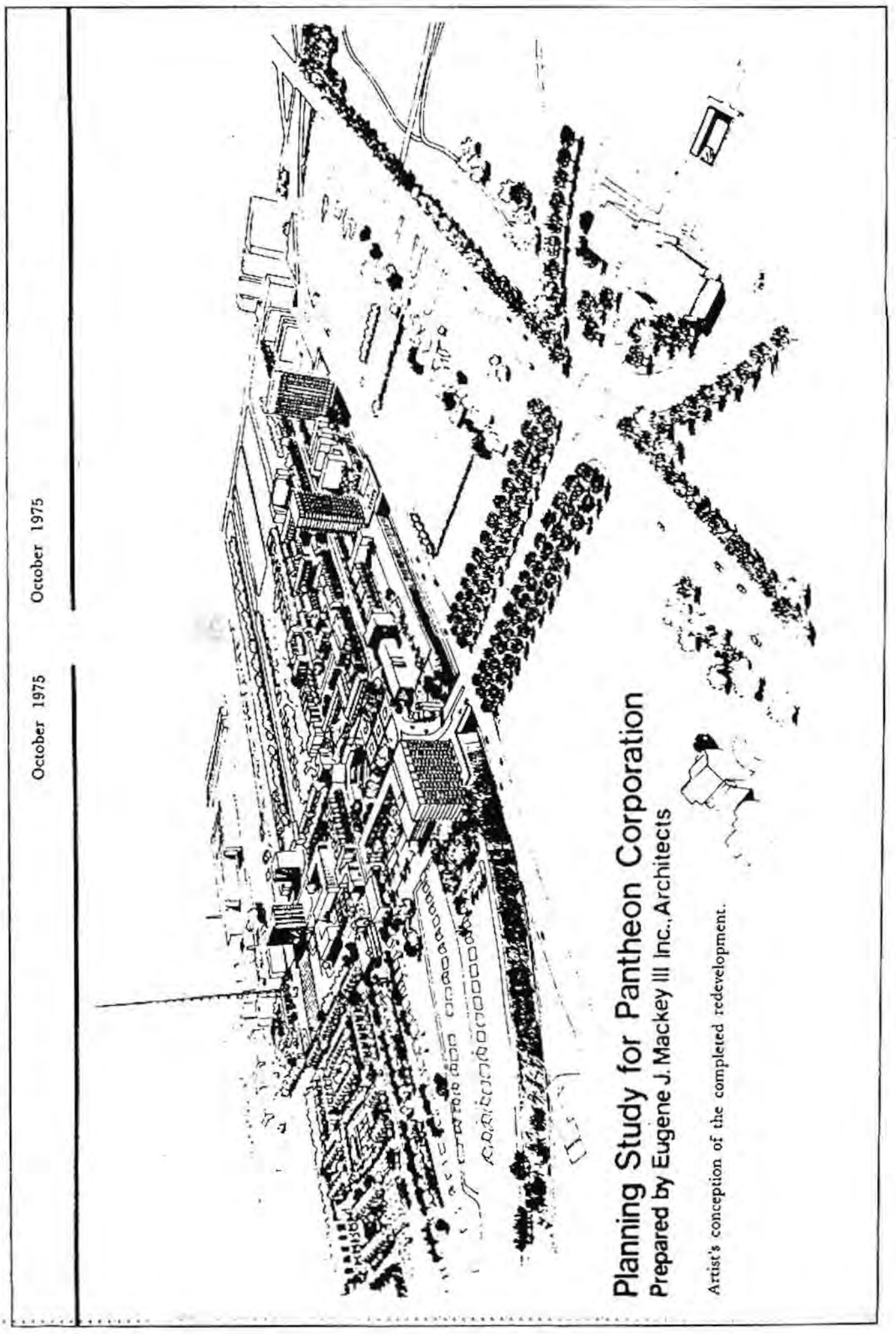
A large factor in the Board's decision was the knowledge that Pantheon had set up the proper structure to do the work and had financial support from the Mercantile Trust Company to begin...the imaginative plan presented by Mr. Strauss to begin the redevelopment near Pershing and Union and move west along DeBaliviere and north to Delmar and Clara and then into the 'triangle area'...SDCC was also impressed by Mr Strauss' enthusiastic reception to the proposed citizens' advisory committee.

DISSENT

Although most residents were committed to the ideal of racial harmony and an integrated neighborhood, making the area both successful and diverse was a huge challenge, and suspicions and stereotypes among both black and white affected the redevelopment efforts. There was disagreement among the activists as well. In letters to the Editor in THE PAPER in 1977, Jack Wright, Esther Herron, Vivienne Dobbs, Richard Lake all wrote about being criticized for speaking out on the issue of a community center proposed for the center of the redevelopment area: "as a resident of this neighborhood, I'll speak up on issues that I feel are detrimental" and "you should not want a Rubber Stamp Organization", and "if this is not American where you can speak out, then where is it?" (PAPER,)

At the end of the 70's, change was again at hand. Partly because of his success as Alderman, including the strong development efforts and coalitions built in the neighborhood, Schoemehl began his run for Mayor. Things changed at SDCC as Cal Stuart resigned as Executive Director to join his wife Gee in their apartment management com-

Continued on page 8



NEIGHBORHOOD CHRONICLES

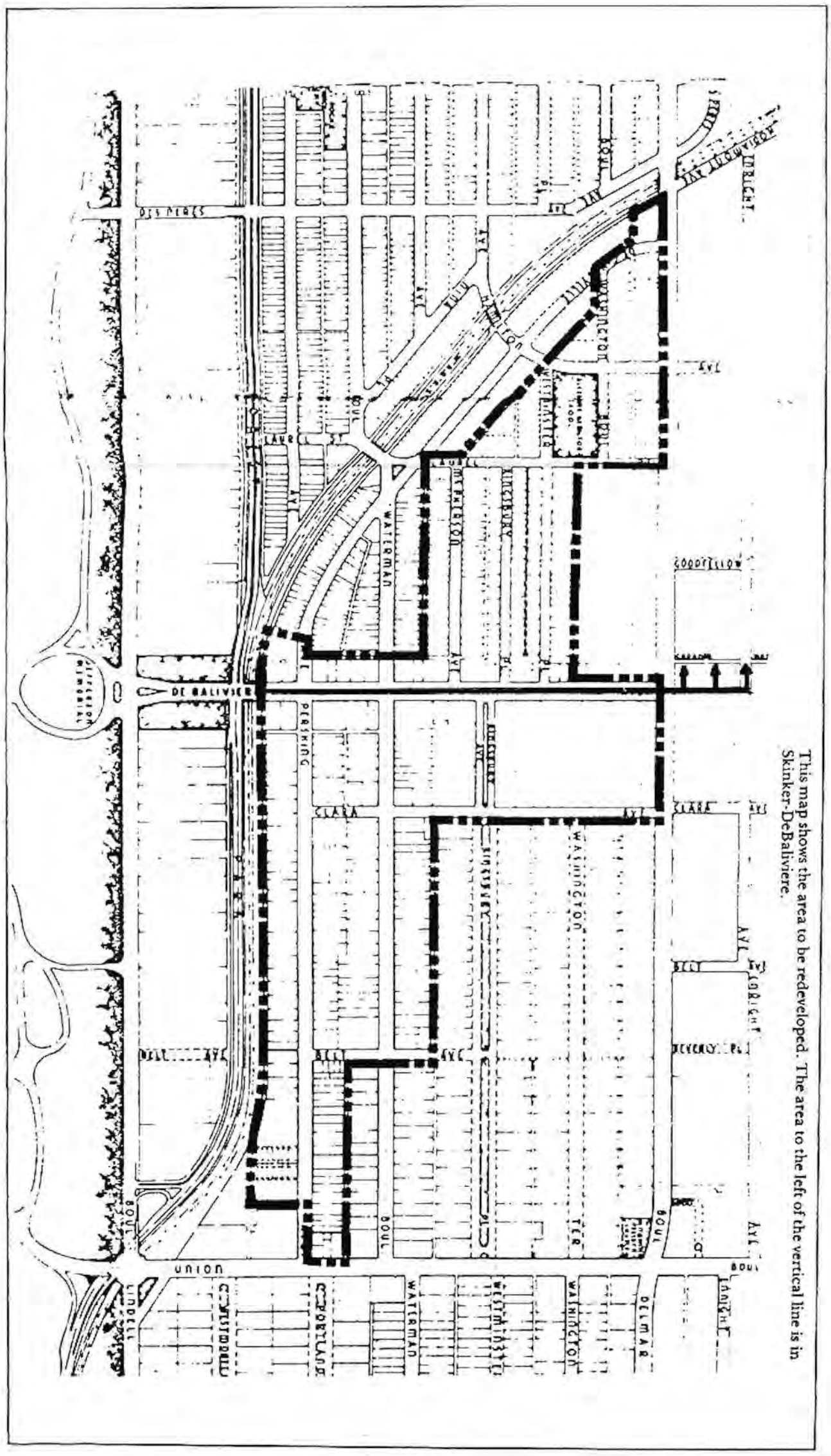
Continued from page 7

pany, McPherson Management. The beloved Father Peet retired from St. Roch's. Truly a new era was about to begin in the neighborhood.

By 1980, when long-time neighborhood activist Ken Cohen wrote about Pantheon's progress for THE PAPER, the Able Key and Hardware Store had been built, the Winter Garden senior building was rehabbed, Waterman's condos were being completed between Clara and Belt, 242 apartments on Pershing were underway, and construction had begun in Kingsbury Square, after widespread demolition of the apartment buildings on Kingsbury and Westminster west of DeBaliviere, along with clearance of the old Chevrolet lot. Bi-State was ready to build its new garage as well.

These disputes also changed the dynamics of existing neighborhood organizations, including the Washington Heights organization. Instead, Block Units became the key instrument for stability and improvement throughout Washington Heights. Notable examples are the outstanding record of the 5900 block of DeGiverville, with such exemplary leaders as Esther Herron and Eddie Sanders; the 5700 block of DeGiverville, led by Al and Shirley Polk who have organized an annual picnic for 30 years bringing both black and white neighbors together. On the 5700 block of Pershing, Anna and Horace Busch's leadership spilled over in many other activities, including St. Roch's, SDCC, and the 28th Ward Regular Democrats. On the 5700 block of Waterman, Blanche Reel and Rose and George Storey worked hard to promote unity. Throughout the neighborhood, Block Units also supported other activities of the SDCC while it undertook the difficult decisions related to redevelopment.

The disputes over redevelopment of the area adjoining DeBaliviere resurfaced years later over Nina Place, which will be covered in our next installment.



This map shows the area to be redeveloped. The area to the left of the vertical line is in Skinker-DeBaliviere.

DIVERSITY AND SUCCESS

Race was and is an important part of living in Skinker DeBaliviere. The proportion of black to white changed from 1970 to 1980 and then back again in 1990. 1970 Population—6060: 44% white, 55% black, 1% other. 1980 Population—4928; 35% white, 64% black, 1% other. 1990 Population—5601; 41% white, 56% black, 3% other. Between 1970 and 1990, our neighborhood actually became more diverse, as it became successful. A Loyola University Study states that only "5% of American Neighborhoods are racially diverse and stable (rather than in transition from say, mostly white to mostly black)." (Chideya, page 132). Despite, or maybe because of, its many struggles, and certainly because of the hard work by many individuals, Skinker-DeBaliviere is undoubtedly one of very few American neighborhoods to succeed in both integration and redevelopment.

AUTHOR'S NOTE:

In addition to THE PAPER and its successor, THE TIMES, and interviews with individuals as noted, this installment also relies on the following sources:

1970, 1980 and 1990 Census Data from U.S. Census

Del McClellan, We Stayed to Fight for City Living

C1 Redevelopment Area, Development Plan of Kingsbury Redevelopment Corporation, Prepared by: Team Four, Inc. Urban Design and Planning, 1971

Loyola University study quoted in Farai Chideya's book, The Color of Our Future

Watch for the next part of the updated neighborhood history, by JoAnn Vatcha, author/editor

Washington University

Continued from page 1

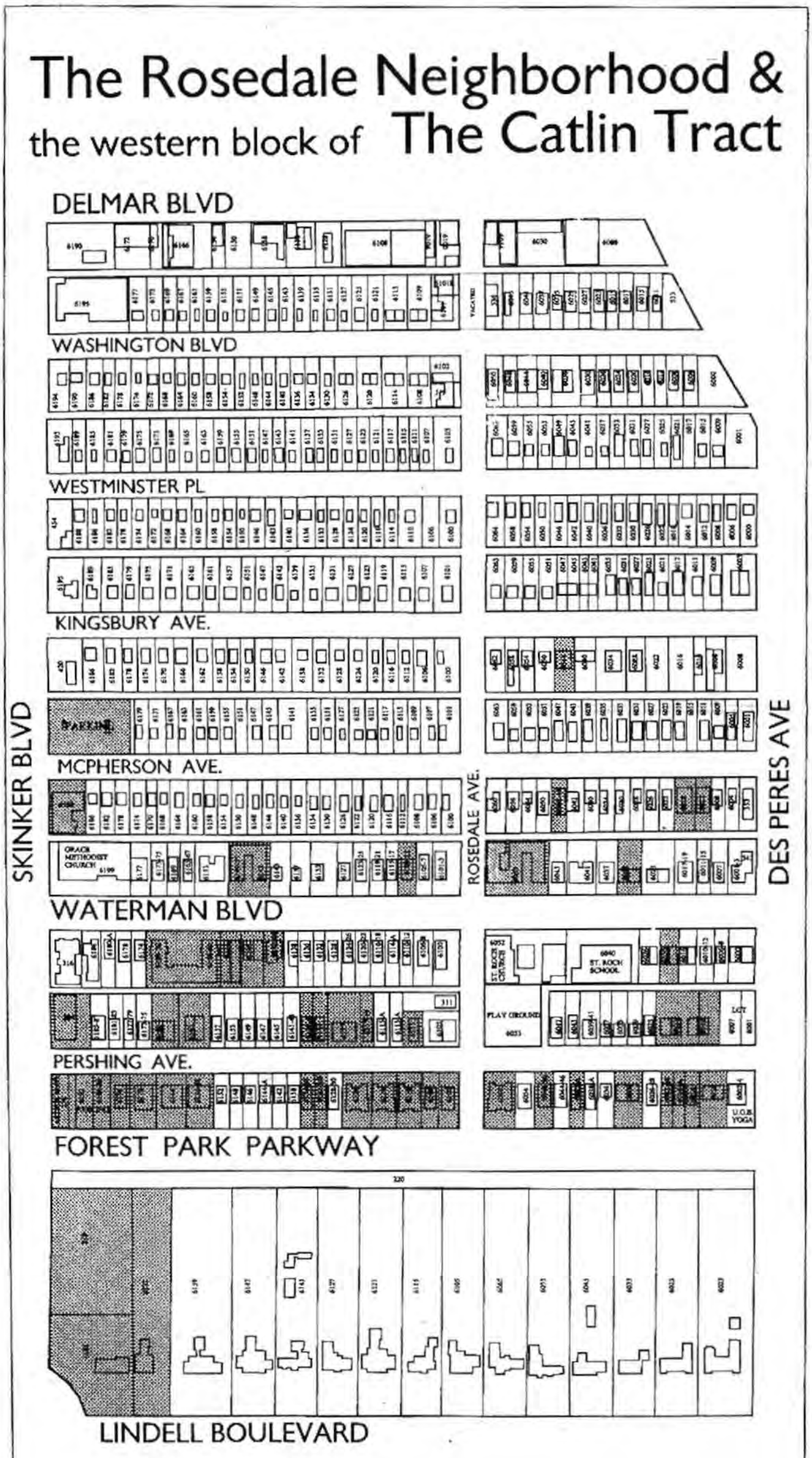
construction of a Biomedical Engineering Building on the parking lot near Milbrook and Skinker where the 13 Carnival takes place. Givens said they are assessing whether the green space between there and Skinker may need to become parking. This land is in the city and Washington U. has to work with the city on the proposed use. West of Brookings Hall will be the new home of Earth and Planetary Sciences. Currently, the school is rerouting a sewer line under the 13 parking lot. Givens said that the school has purchased the two western-most parcels in the Caitlin Tract. The first, 6181 Lindell, they wish to use as green space—a front yard so that kids can continue to play soccer. The other parcel, 6171, hasn't closed yet. It may become a home for a dean.

Givens then turned to the Arthur Bldg. He said drawings for the new facility will be complete in about a month. The building will look like the neighborhood. The SDCC will see the plans and there will be a walk through of the existing Arthur bldg. Givens said the University's goal is to provide housing as close to campus as possible in high quality housing. He said there are no plans to tear down any building for dorms or small-group housing. He said the school will not stop buying multi-family housing and that owners often approach Washington U. Then Givens turned to the right of first refusal. He said the loan program has only affected 4 single family homes in Rosedale. (There are properties in the Nina Pl. development and Kingsbury Square also affected.) Givens said that he is trying hard to get the university to take another look at this policy to see if it is really needed. Lastly, Givens said that the issue of lost property taxes will have to be examined. The university doesn't want to have to pay but has to look at it.

Following his remarks, Givens took questions from the audience. Generally, the questions reflected concern about the university's longterm intentions. Several of the questions dealt with specific problems:

- parking problems because students in apartments have multiple vehicles. Why were students charged to use the garages at the buildings Washington U. owns? Givens said he was not aware there was a fee. He mentioned that the school had created 6 additional parking spaces behind one building and will do more of the same. The 6 cost $12,000. Givens added that they would support a system of permit parking if the neighborhood wanted to do that. He said that you can ask students to park behind the building or have fewer cars but students won't always listen. He said he would look into the garage issue.
- A neighbor asked if the sewer constrution had to do with the new MetroLink station (for the Parkway-Skinker intersection). Givens said final plans are not done and that the station will be underground.
- There was a question about underground parking. Givens said Washington U. has been looking at it. One possibility was under Brookings Dr. but there was strong objection to tearing down the existing trees. The parking lot to be on Skinker would eventually be an engineering bldg. He said that doing a lot in the heart of campus had proved infeasible because of the rock formation beneath the proposed location. Several people said they had heard that conditions inside the apartment buildings Washington U. now owns are not good. Whether or not inspections for occupancy permits were taking place each time a unit changes tenants—required because this neighborhood is a housing conservation area—was uncertain. Alderman Lyda Krewson said if not they should be and she would check into it. Since the university pays utilities, the Buildings Division does not automatically know of tenant turnover.
- One resident spoke against the purchase of 2 families. She said this was destabilizing because before a mixture of families or students had lived in them. She was alarmed to hear the school was still pursuing 2 families. Schesch said that the last one had closed in November 1998. Msgr. Polizzi of St. Roch said that he and the late George Wendel had met with Vice Chancellor Richard Roloff about this issue. A parishioner had told him the university was trying to buy her duplex.

Continued on page 10



The following letter was sent on May 19 on behalf of the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council

Dear Chancellor Wrighton;

The Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council has historically described its mission to include the stabilization and improvement of housing in the neighborhood. This is reflected in the 1991 Skinker-DeBaliviere Housing Corporation's "Interim Housing Strategy", prepared with input from residents and collaboratively with CDA. Its long-term goals include 'increasing owner-occupancy, discouraging speculation by absentee landlords, reducing the density and improving the residential character of the neighborhood'. In that context, the University's forgivable loan program to encourage employees to purchase and live in homes in Skinker DeBaliviere is perceived to have positive impacts upon the neighborhood. Subsequently, Council members have learned that employees receiving these loans are required to sign Right of First Refusal agreements.

Therefore the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council requests that Washington University permanently discontinue the use of the Right of First Refusal agreements for residential property purchases by university employees in the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood, eliminating this component of an otherwise excellent program. This request is a result of a motion passed unanimously (with one abstention) by the Council at its May 8, 2000 meeting.

To put the request regarding the Right of First Refusal in context, please consider the following concerns, which have been expressed by residents:

a. The 30-year Right of First Refusal agreement, which grants a "continuing right of first refusal and option to purchase", stays in effect beyond the 5-year residence period required of the employee, and after the loan's forgiveness or repayment takes place;

b. The agreement is "binding on successor owners", even if they are not employees, or did not receive a forgivable loan from the University;

c. It is our understanding the agreements are in effect mostly with single-family residences, though Vice Chancellor Roloff in November 1997 specifically told the Council in response to a question, that the University had no interest in owning single-family residences;

d. It is being applied to purchases east of Des Peres, though the university indicated at an August 1999 meeting, that it had no interest in ownership in that area, since it was too far from campus; and

e. It increases the potential for a substantial concentration of property ownership when the number of properties with the Right of First Refusal purchase option are added to the 48 residential properties already owned by the University in the Council's service area.

These and other items create a situation with far-reaching and potentially negative implications for the long-term viability of our balanced and diverse community.

Council members have had meetings with the University that have been constructive. Your willingness to listen and respond to neighborhood issues is recognized and appreciated. We would like to meet with key university representatives to explore in more detail the University's position and the neighborhood's concerns surrounding this matter.

With best personal regards,

Daniel Schesch, President
cc: Steven Givens
Suzanne Goodman
Richard Roloff
SDCC Board of Directors

In a letter dated May 23, Chancellor Wrighton replied:

"Thank you for your letter dated May 19th asking Washington University to reconsider its use of right of first refusal agreements in connection with its forgivable loan program for employees.

I understand your concerns and assure you that we will consider your request.

Yours sincerely,

Mark S. Wrighton"

Washington University

Continued from page 9

Msgr. Polizzi said that Roloff had agreed—almost I and 1/2 years ago—never to buy another two family in Skinker DeBaliviere. According to Polizzi, Roloff told him that someone was trying to sell them a 2 family on Pershing and the monsignor said absolutely not. Polizzi said that we have invited Washington U. students to live in our neighborhood with us but we can't have a viable neighborhood with those who constantly move in and out.

● Amy Gill, past president of Rosedale, urged the university to house graduate students—not undergraduates—in our neighborhood. Peggy Hermes proposed the following resolution which those present adopted with only a couple negative votes: 1. Washington University to drop the right of first refusal as part of its forgiveable loan program; 2. The University formally agree to a moratorium on the purchase of 2 family units. 3. Washington University to place its rental property back on the tax rolls. This well-attended meeting had witnessed a cordial exchange of information. After formal adjournment, many continued the discussion with Givens and among themselves.

COLONIAL RUG COMPANY
6191 Delmar

Complete Floor Service
Remnants Always in Stock

Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council Board of Directors Meeting April 10, 2000 Minutes

In Attendance: President Dan Schesch, Directors Ann Smith Carr, Peggy Droege, Georgi Fox, Greg Freeman, Amy Gill, Ronie Haliburton, Gwen LaZard, Shirley Polk, Lana Stein, Katrina Stierholz, John Thomas. Guests: Andy Cross (Beautification Committee, Erich Friesen (Block Captain 6100Washington), Suzanne Goodman (Washington University), Paul Hohmann (Transportation Committee), Larry Isom (Neighborhood Stabilization Officer), Jennifer Joyce (Circuit Attorney's Office), Terry Kowalczyk(SLPD), Rachelle Schneider, John Van Emden and Sole Van Emden (Block Captains, 6000 Pershing). Staff: Gary Boehnke (Housing Corporation Project Administrator), Laure Porterfield (SDCC Executive Director). Absent: Bill Colbert, Lara Doyle, Sharon Fitzgibbons, Steve Givens, Gary L. Hayes, Shashi Kara, Susan Littlefield, Rev. Miki Merritt.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Dan Schesch.

Welcome and Introduction of visitors. Jennifer Joyce, Rachelle Schneider r, Suzanne Goodman.

Announcement: A letter has been received from Reverend Mary Harvey appointing Bill Colbert as the official alternate to the Board from Grace Methodist.

Minutes from the March meeting were approved as presented.

Security Report was presented by P.O. Terry Kowalczyk-Not much going on -crime is down 21%.

Treasurer's Report - presented by Peggy Droege. All going along as normal .Liberty Mutual contributed $2,000.00. Thank you letter to be sent by the Executive Director to them. Report for March accepted by acclamation.

President's Report - Alderman Krewson's e-mail about the elimination ofleft turns at DeBaliviere and Lindell was distributed. Much discussion resulted regarding signage, inconvenience to neighbors, concern for pedestrians and bikers. Concerns were raised that no effort has been made to work with the neighborhood to resolve these issues. Suggestions included: Walk, don't walk signs, greater access through changing planning, neighborhood involvement in decision making. Rachelle volunteered to go to the Forest Park Advisory committee meetings. Dan distributed a draft of an e-mail he will send to Lyda referencing the discussion, improved plans etc. and asked for feedback in the next few days.

Recreation Committee - John Thomas reported that basketball, softball and baseball teams and sites are in the works. Checking on gym sites. Future youth house may be established by Grace church for tutorials etc.

Fundraising Report - Garden Tour scheduled for June 17th. Andy Cross reported that there will be a Garden Tour Committee meeting April 18 – we will concentrate on gardens to the eastern end of the neighborhood. Both the Block Unit 1035 Garden and the McPherson Garden will be involved in the tour. Andy has sold over $500.00 in plaques (alley number signs) tobenefit the Community Council and to enhance the safety aspects of Brightside Blitz Day. As a member of the fundraising committee, Betul Ozmat asked to speak with board members and reminded them of the need to have visibility in the neighborhood-members should try to attend all events. It was suggested that board members have special badges or nametags to wear when attending neighborhood events.

Committee/Neighborhood Reports

A. Residential Committee- Chairman Lana Stein presented preliminary ideas regarding Code Enforcement (see letter). Much discussion on this issue. Motion was made to: Begin concentrated exterior code enforcement April2001. SDCC board to work with neighbors to distribute information to make the transition go smoothly. Lana moved. Gwen seconded. Motion failed. 4 in favor 5 against 3 abstained. Motion was made to aggressively get out information to neighbors and then to revisit prior motion to consider concentrated exterior code enforcement in a timely manner. Amy moved, Greg seconded, 10 in favor, 2 abstained. Flight statue - Ronnie Haliburton reported that Bill Christman will help with statue. Lyda Krewson has freed up money from her campaign fund to help pay for materials to restore the statue. Dan McGuire will provide assistance through the parks department. Ronie suggested that we attach a plaque on the history of the statue. Lana will write up the plaque and thank you letters should be sent from the board to Lyda Krewson and Dan McGuire.

Beautification - gardeners continue to sign up for their plots. Our award-winning garden will be mentioned on May 6th in the Post Dispatch because of the Gateway Greening garden tour. Andy also brought up concerns relating to the exterior appearance (siding visible from the street) of the new townhomes going up on Nina Place. We need to work with the city on future permits to make sure that vinyl siding is minimized on new construction, especially on chimneys and other highly visible parts of the building's facade. Lana Stein was requested by the president with the Board's concurrence to check with the city to make sure this use of siding and other issues were reviewed and approved by the Heritage Commission. If this has been done, Lana was asked to send a gentle and persuasive letter or to have a conversation with Gary Bierman in reference to the concerns the neighbors have now brought forward. She was asked to learn if some of these concerns might be addressed in a mutually satisfactory way, especially with respect to highly visible areas such as those in Phase III(as yet to be constructed).

Playground-Dan Skillman from Parks Department will now head up the project. We are signing a contract with Shuster. Lyda to receive many thanks for getting us a $10,000 commitment from block grant money.

D. No report on Talayna's. We will revisit in 3 months.

Other Business. Greg raised concerns about the building on the 5800 block of Waterman with "condemned" spray painted on it. Larry Isom will check on having it boarded up. Operation BrightSide will remove the graffiti.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council Board of Directors Meeting
May 8, 2000 Minutes (Revised June 13, 2000)

In Attendance: President Dan Schesch, Directors Lara Doyle, Peggy Droege, Sharon Fitzgibbons, Georgi Fox, Greg Freeman, Amy Gill, Steve Givens, Larry Isom, Ronie Haliburton, Gary L. Hayes, Gwen LaZard, Susan Littlefield, Shirley Polk, Lana Stein, Katrina Stierholz, John Thomas. In-Coming Directors: Joe Keaveny, Tim Schoemehl, Sole Van Emden. Guests: Bill Colbert (alt), Andy Cross (Beautification Committee), John Daniel (Catlin Tract), Ted Haynes, Paul Hohmann (Vice President, Rosedale), Lyda Krewson, Terry Kowalczyk (SLPD), Eric Mumford (Block Captain, 6100 Westminster),Rachelle Schneider, John Van Emden. Staff: Gary Boehnke (Housing Corporation Project Administrator), Laure Porterfield (SDCC Executive Director).

Absent: Ann Smith Carr, Shashi Kara, Rev. Miki Merritt.

Meeting called to order at 7:09 p.m. by President Dan Schesch.

Welcome and Introductions:

Members of Playground Committee were presented to the Board by Chairman Katrina Stierholz. President Dan Schesch asked the Board to recognize and congratulate them for their efforts. Thanks to all who work so very hard. Resolution proposed by Lana Stein, seconded by Greg Freeman, and passed unanimously for a special certificate to be presented to all committee members at the Playground dedication.

Minutes were approved as corrected.

Presentations:

1. Newton McCoy and Mary Davidson are moving their law office to 621 North Skinker (the old Boys to Men clothing store). Plans presented have passed through preliminary review by the Commercial District Committee, the Building Division, and the Heritage Commission. Newton and Mary requested a letter of endorsement from the Council. Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to endorse plans as presented.

2. Operation Team Sweep. Mary Brown, block captain, 59XX DeGiverville;introduced Team Sweep members to the Board. The program is sponsored by the City to cleanup neighborhoods using neighborhood youth. The kids keep the area around Hamilton School picked up. Any one wishing to help, please come out Friday evenings 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Security Report presented by P.O. Terry Kowalczyk - Overall, crime is down25% in the 7th District. Car break-ins occurred on 6100 blocks of Waterman and Westminster. Arrest made. Investigation and arrests made on license tab thief. Continue to call - 911 about suspicious activity. Washington University reported a car jacking on Forsyth. Problem house on 6100 block of Washington. Police will talk to owner.

Treasurer's Report presented by Peggy Droege. Income section shows $2000gift from Liberty Mutual Insurance, which Laure requested as a general contribution to cover our operating expenses. Also income from address signs and garden fees. Expenses are in line. Still investigating phone and bookkeeping service. Motion made to accept the report. Passed.

Executive Committee Report made by President Dan Schesch.

Dan asked Rachelle Schneider to report on the Forest Park Advisory Board Meeting. Golf course is the next major project and new a clubhouse to follow.

Paul Hohmann reported on meeting to discuss the Lindell cut-off to northbound Union. Will put stop sign at the end of the cut-off and remove the always green arrow.

Alderman Lyda Krewson reported on restoring a left turn from DeBaliviere to Lindell. Preference goes to ped/biker: "no left turn" will remain. This decision can be reversed. Lengthy discussion of Forest Park Master Plan and the impact on the neighborhood. Some contend that there still is no neighborhood input. The Board should follow up (by letter) regarding the left turn question six months after construction is completed. The Alderman asked for the neighbors' patience.

A letter was received from the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Housing Corporation (in packet) regarding the importance of Code Enforcement and stating their support for beginning as soon as possible. The Residential Committee met May 5th to discussion code enforcement. Trying to come up with a program to present in June. Next meeting of the committee to be announced. Contact Laure if you'd like to attend.

Dan also reported on his meeting with Washington University Chancellor Mark Wrighton in April 2000. He asked Steve Givens to summarize the planned changes to the campus. At the east end of campus, construction to begin. The University population will remain stable. Increased parking spaces will be built around Brookings Hall. Within ten years the campus will be built out to parking lot on Skinker and Lindell at Millbrook. The house on Lindell and the corner property will replace the play area on which the new building will encroach. There will still be a passive green space. 6181Lindell has been purchased and will be demolished. Possible underground parking on campus. Developing small group student housing with 400 car garage at the old Channel 9 site. Old MSD sewer lines to be replaced near Millbrook and Skinker- look for construction.

Regarding the Arthur Building site: concept design shows retail, campus police and administration. Forsyth near Bixby is zoned residential (now parking and Bixby Hall) and the University will need permits to build. Purchasing 72 buildings in University City north of Delmar.

Amy Gill announced that there is a Rosedale Neighbors meeting June 10 (9:30a.m.) at St. Roch Church Hall to discuss the University's expanding presence in the neighborhood. There is a perceived shift from graduate students to undergraduates in the neighborhood. Loss of tax revenues a big issue; compensation to the city has not been brought forward. "Right of first refusal" discussed in detail. Amy Gill moved and Lana Stein seconded that the Board should present a letter requesting the University to discontinue this practice. Passed unanimously (with Washington University representative abstaining.)

Annual Skinker DeBaliviere meeting TBA.

Executive Director's Report was enclosed in the packet. Report presented by Laure Porterfield. Highlights of the written report include:

A. A grant application for marketing dollars to assist development on Delmar has been submitted to Firstar Bank at the request of this District Committee. Fierce competition for few dollars. Will keep Council posted.

B. Christmas in April 2001. Have contacted them to request information and applications. Exterior and interior improvement are included in this program

C. Century Homes - have requested information from other municipalities

D. BrightSide follow up; congratulations to Andy Cross and thanks to all who helped.

E. Playground: will continue to provide staff support for the project; construction to begin soon.

F. Housing Corporation Report presented by Gary Boehnke Written reports and minutes included in the packets. Rehab here moving along to be finished in June. Importance of regular code enforcement stressed in recent letter to the Board.

Committee/Neighborhood Reports

A. Fundraising - Katrina will chair National Night Out. Board members are invited to attend dedication of the playground. Garden Tour coming along. Focus on gardens around block 1035 Garden. Tour slated for June 17th.

B. Residential Committee - Lana Stein advised the Board that she is working on Code Enforcement information packets. Thanks to Larry Isom for his help. Nina Place townhomes: all three phases meet Heritage standards. New construction in old neighborhoods is not to replicate instead to compliment older design. According to Missouri guidelines, new construction cannot be identical to historic buildings. Anyone with further concerns asked to speak directly with Gary Bierman.

C. Playground report presented by Katrina Stierholz. All contracts signed. Hopefully construction will be completed by August 1 and ribbon cutting can be part of National Night Out.

D. Beautification - Chairman Andy Cross asked those present sign up to water Four Corners. Planted hundreds of flowers from great perennial divide. 1035 Garden getting ready for tour on June 17.

E. Transportation Committee reported by Paul Hohmann. John and Sole Van Emden our neighborhood representatives on the committee, continue to meet with Bi-State. Still cannot answer neighborhood concerns. There will be changes at Des Peres but design has not been decided. Name of station will be Skinker station. Will put up a garage at DeBaliviere (size unknown).

F. Rosedale report presented by Amy Gill

Election results as follows:

Tim Schoemehl	President
Paul Hohmann	Vice President
Betul Ozmat	Secretary
Mary Ann Rudloff	Treasurer
Washington/ Westminster	Katrina Stierholz
Kingsbury/ McPherson	Dan Schesch
Waterman/ Pershing	Sole Van Emden
At Large	Lara Doyle

New By-Laws available for Rosedale. Contact their officers or Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council office.

G. Recreation Committee - John Thomas says plans are still underdevelopment for summer. Summer program info regarding TAG at Grace Church and Metro Theatre project at Crossroads School was distributed.

Other business Thanks to Larry Isom and Laure Porterfield for helping with the condemned property in the 5800 block of Waterman. Possible outcomes include sale or tear-down of the building.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

From the President of the Skinker DeBaliviere, Dan Schesch

President's Report ahead of the June 12 Council meeting.

I wrote (with thanks to Council members and staff for their editing assistance) the letter to Chancellor Wrighton of Washington University, requesting on behalf of the Council's unanimous motion on May 8, that they discontinue the use of the Right Of First Refusal agreements in the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood. It was mailed on May 19. Chancellor Wrighton promptly replied on May 23, stating that they will consider our request.2. Greg Freeman, myself, Lana Stein, Alderman Krewson, representatives of the Central West End Association, and others, attended an information presentation on Tuesday, May 30, at Crossroads School by Jack Davis of Futura Properties regarding proposed new construction of a building on DeBaliviere Avenue (where the Shell station was located, just north of Talayna's). It will house GAMBRO, the operator of a dialysis clinic currently located in rented space in the strip shopping center. GAMBRO will lease the building from Futura. It will not only house GAMBRO's clinic, but they will consolidate administrative and training functions, currently at other locations in the metropolitan area in that building, bringing some additional jobs into the city. Mr. Davis will present the drawings, details, and answer questions at the Council's meeting Monday evening. They will ask our support for their project (an alley parallel to and east of DeBaliviere will need to be relocated).3. On Saturday morning, June 10, after President Tim Schoemehl opened the meeting and set the context, Paul Hohmann and I presented information on Washington University's property ownership in Skinker-DeBaliviere to a specially called meeting of the Rosedale Neighbors Association at the St. Roch Church hall. There were close to 70 attendees, including Alderman Krewson, and Suzanne Goodman of Washington U. Steve Givens, assistant to the chancellor, then presented information re Washington University's plans for construction and other topics including the Right of First Refusal, the Arthur Building, etc..

Steve Givens then took questions and heard comments for the duration of the meeting. It was a very constructive meeting, but I will not attempt here to summarize all the good questions and comments which were heard. Tim Schoemehl, myself and other Rosedale representatives will report on details of the meeting, and the three motions which were passed at the end, at the Council meeting. See you Monday evening.

Daniel Schesch
President, Skinker-DeBaliviere
Community Council

E-mail response from Dan McGuire re the timing of the future closure of Grand Drive in Forest Park May 19, 2000

From: Dan McGuire
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2000
Subject: Re: Closure of Grand Drive

Yes, we have spoken about the timing of closure of Grand Drive. Golf course negotiations are proceeding slower than expected and while there is still a remote possibility that construction could start in September, in all probability it won't occur until Spring, if then. As you can probably infer, there are many items remaining to be resolved with the golf course project.

In any event, the connection from Forsyth, via Lagoon Drive, to DeBaliviere has been open for several months."

Dear Neighbors,

The council is working to improve communication in and about our neighborhood. Information about Council activities and current neighborhood issues needs to be more accessible sooner. The Council's Technology Committee chaired by resident Katrina Steirholz, will soon start working on a re-design of the Council's web site, which has not been updated for a while. Planning what information should be on it, and securing the commitment of a group of volunteers to design, build and maintain it is about to start. If any of you have experience designing or building Web sites and would be willing to do some work on this, please call the Council Office at 862-5122 and leave your name, number & e-mail address for Katrina. The Web site currently is at http://stlouis.missouri.org/skinkerdebaliviere/ .

Meanwhile, I have been sending out e-mail updates to interested residents about two times a month. They include the most recent approved Council minutes, an update which I write, the agenda for the upcoming Council meeting, and other timely information about the Council and the neighborhood. The privacy of the recipients and their e-mail addresses is preserved by sending it out via blind copy. If you would like to receive e-mail updates, please e-mail me at 71141.3564@compuserve.com. I look forward to hearing from you and adding you to the recipients list.

Daniel Schesch
President, Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council

IN YOUR EAR

by Hawkeye Q. Hoerr

Once again I've been confronted with still another symptom of my advancing age. I now sport a hearing aid, the Sebring model 760. The journey started simply enough. There we were, having a breakfast in the living room by the raging fire: me, the first wife, and the third set of dogs. The wonderful aroma of fresh coffee, cinnamon toast, and oak burning in the fireplace made the morning something special. KWMU was on and Cokie Roberts was explaining why George W. is so popular: "It's his parents," she said, clearing up that mystery. She went on to talk about Al Gore, but I couldn't tell whether she was saying "goody two-shoes," "too wooden to lose." or maybe it was "couldn't do booze." Possibly "Shouldn't smooze"?

I leaned over to turn up the radio, a familiar ritual, while the smoke grew more poignant and a bit thicker. I began to cough. Suddenly the wife shouted, scaring the dogs and knocking her coffee on the oriental rug. (That's what's good about oriental rugs: you can't see the stains.) "Did you open the flue?" she yelled. I sorta heard her.

"No," I replied, ever so gently, "I don't think I have the flu, it's just that the smoke is getting pretty dense in here."

"DID YOU OPEN THE FLUE?" she repeated (at least so she's told me). I do know that she was raising her voice because Coco and Boomer began to bark. They're great decibel dogs; whenever her volume gets above a certain level, they bark and I know that I need to begin to pay attention.

"YOU IDIOT," she now screamed, but still with affection, "did you open the flue in the chimney?"

"Huh? Flu and cinnamon? That doesn't make any sense," I replied rather indigently, coughing louder which, of course, made it harder to hear. The dogs began to howl.

The first wife then, as she does often, seized the moment, rolled her eyes, got up, and opened the closed flue herself. The room began to clear a bit and I could begin to make out her face. "Which one of us has a hearing problem?" she asked triumphantly.

Reality hit home. I knew it wasn't the dogs. After spending years of responding to every sentence with "What?" just out of habit, I decided that I needed to bite the bullet and do something about my Rock & Roll hearing-induced loss. After all, I wear eyeglasses and have a toupee (which you probably didn't know because it is designed to make me look as if I'm losing my hair so that it doesn't seem obvious), so why not a hearing aid? I'm not proud; look at my ties!

It turns out that our friendly Walgreen's has a hearing aid department and, get this, you can see someone without an appointment. Such a deal! So there I was a few weeks ago, strolling in to meet the audiologist, Dr. Quackenbusch, a dead-ringer for Anthony Quinn. Given my high level of people skills and my acute ability to bond with anyone, knowing that I wanted him to do the best job possible, I began the conversation with "Is that your real name?"

"Of course it is," Dr. Quackenbush replied a bit huffily, I thought. The pleasantries over, the doc and I quickly got down to business. He had me put these itsy-bitsy earphones in my ears and then I nodded when I could hear sounds. I loved the competitive aspect of the exercise. After all, I've always rallied for tests.

I tried to tell how I was doing, whether I was passing or not, but Dr. Q was stoic. He'd simply nod, make a checkmark on his table, adjust the knob, and look at me again. Truthfully, it didn't take me long to figure out that this is an easy game to win. Regardless of whether or not I could hear a sound, I simply nodded yes when the doc turned the knob and looked questioningly at me. "Gotcha," I thought. (It reminded me a bit of taking the eye test for my driver's licence at AAA. I simply memorized the letters on the eye chart using both eyes, then recounted them from memory when I had to close either eye.)

After a few minutes the good doctor looked up. "Yes," he said, "you have a mild hearing loss."

"Wild dental floss?" I asked, "What in the world does that have to do with hearing?"

Dr. Q was startled and then he smiled, "Ah, you Americans, always playing tricks." With that he wrote something on a piece of paper and pointed to the EAR CENTER, located in the drug aisle between the GARDEN CENTER and SLEEP CENTER.

Ever the obedient one, I went there and handed the paper to the audio-technician. I knew that is what she was because it said so on her name tag. She smiled and asked me to take a seat. "Make a sheet?" I asked. She leaned forward and exchanged a look with Dr. Q. I could see him mouth "crazy Americans" and laugh. She smiled at him, nodded at me, and pointed to a chair.

It wasn't but a few minutes until she handed me a small box with Sebring 760 written in red letters, over a photo of a trim guy and binki-ed gal playing in the waves. Inside there was a madras teensy-tiny hearing aid. I put it in, twisted the even teensier and tinier volume knob up to 5, as high as it would go, and wonders upon wonders, sounds became alive! I could hear.

All of a sudden I could hear the background noise in the store: kids asking their moms for toys, moms refusing and threatening, babies crying, customers being rude to cashiers, packages being dropped, elevator muzak playing in the background, and electric Santas ho-ho-hoing. Wow, this is easy, I thought, thank goodness for the Sebring 760. I turned the knob down to 1 and left the store. All of a sudden I was at peace again. I can't wait to talk politics with the first wife.

James Flynn Earns Silver Beaver Award

David Schmidt, resident of 61XX McPherson and Committeeman for Boy Scout Troop 98, submitted the following nomination of Jim Flynn, 60XX McPherson, for the Silver Beaver Award. Jim was presented with this honor at the Xtreme 2000 Scouting event in Forest Park on June 2, 2000.

Rarely does a person's vocation-career(FORESTER) meld with that person's avocation (SCOUTING) as perfectly as exemplified in JAMES FLYNN, (B.S. in Forestry, UMC). Jim Flynn is the personification of Scouting's Ideal of cheerful service and leadership since his Eagle Scout and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster years through his Adult Scouter service: Assistant Scoutmaster; Senior Adult Advisor Philmont Trek; Chairman of Troop Committee for a dozen years; Chairman of Board of Trustees of independent trust that supports local scouting at Troop 98; Merit Badge Counselor and Eagle Advisor; Committeeman.

James Flynn is an "hands-on" scouter who has camped overnight 415 Days and Nights on scouting events, including 27 years (7 years full week; 20 years part week) at St. Louis Council Long-term Camps as well as 27 years attandance and overnight at every Fall and Spring Camporee and Pre-Camporee in West/Keystone District. Jim Flynn has passed on Scouting's values to his son, Dan Flynn, who is currently Senior Patrol Leader of Tr 98 – which values he first learned from his Merit Badge Counselor dad, Jack Flynn. After Scouting and promoting scouting with Jim Flynn for the past quarter century we are honored to nominate our fellow Eagle Scout, Committeeman and life-long scout, JAMES FLYNN for the Silver Beaver Award.

James Flynn



James Flynn's love for Scouting and its ideals is evident in his service to the program.

An Eagle Scout, he served as an assistant Scoutmaster, troop committee chairman, and merit badge counselor. He also serves as chairman of the board of trustees of an independent trust that supports Troop 98, chartered to St. Roch Catholic Church. Mr. Flynn is a hands-on Scouter who camped 415 days and nights during Scouting events. This includes 27 years of attending Greater St. Louis Area Council long-term summer camps, as well as attending overnights at every fall and spring district encampment.

He received his district's Award of Merit.

Boy Scouts' Xtreme 2000

by Graham Tucker

Troop 98 Boy Scout

At least twenty thousand scouts poured into Forest Park for a three-day rendezvous known as the Xtreme 2000 Scouting Event. This three-day affair was to celebrate the ninetieth anniversary of scouting. Scouts set up their camps and enjoyed their surroundings on the beautiful evening of June the second. The next day, scouts could enjoy many fun activities, such as climbing a forty-foot climbing wall or viewing many exhibits like the advanced aerospace of Boeing. That night, scouts walked over to Art Hill and enjoyed a local scout band who performed many well-known songs. But that wasn't all; scouts were greeted with a surprise visit from the famous Blues player Tony Twist. Not only that, scouts watched in-line skaters, skateboarders, and BMX bike riders do amazing tricks on a ten-foot half-pipe with the famous BMX bike rider Kevin Johnson, who holds the record for biggest air. For the grand finale, scouts gaped in awe at the spectacular fireworks display that loomed over Post-Dispatch Lake. When the scouts woke the very next day, they went to their own religious services, such as the Catholics were entreated to two and a half hour mass with Archbishop Justin Rigali at the Muny. After religious services were over, scouts packed up and went home thinking about the great experiences they had.

DELMAR CLEANERS

Your neighborhood cleaner with complete cleaning & laundry service.

6142 Delmar Blvd.

Call 727-6600