



DOWNTOWN UPDATES

Memo to members of The Partnership for Downtown St. Louis

June 22, 2009

It was very exciting to learn that the **Central Library is moving forward on its renovation** plans. Considered one of the most beautiful in the world (featured on calendars as such), the project will further enhance its status as a major downtown and community asset. Construction is projected to begin next year.

The related lease by the Library of their adjacent property to **Confluence Preparatory Academy will bring 200 students** this fall, eventually reaching 900 in a few short years. The two projects will result in a significant boost in activity for the area just west of Tucker. Library Executive Director Waller McGuire is a Board member of the Downtown CID.

During its meeting last week, the **Downtown Community Improvement District elected Michael West (Ameren Corporation) to serve as Chair** of the Board for the coming fiscal year, beginning July 1. Other officers elected are Vice Chair Jack Pohrer (St. Louis Parking), Secretary Bill Kuehling (Polsinelli Shughart LLC) and Treasurer Jack Reis (EVS Realty Advisors).

Newly elected CID Directors are Kasey Bergh (Nestle Purina), Chuck Caldwell (Worsham Caldwell & Assoc), Julie Hiblovic (BKD, LLP), Allan Larson (LarsonAllen LLP), Karen Levernz (downtown resident), Margaret McDonald (Arcturis), Jack Pohrer (St. Louis Parking), Debbie Rush (Thompson Coburn) and Jerry Schlichter (Schlichter, Bogard & Denton PC). Re-elected are Solomon Akinduro (AFRAM Corp), John Beck (Emmis Communications), Beth Russell (Webster University) and Michael West (Ameren).

If you are among the **sold-out crowd registered for Tuesday's Annual Partnership Membership Luncheon** at the Hyatt Regency Riverfront, be sure to come early (11:15) to see displays and visit with friends and colleagues. You'll also get a preview copy of this year's Downtown Progress Report, published by the Post-Dispatch and scheduled to be delivered to over 130,000 metro area households on Friday.

Luncheon sponsors are: Bank of America, Lumiere Place, Ameren, AT&T, Southwest Bank, HOK, Inc., Polsinelli Shugart PC, SLDC, St. Louis Equity Fund, Webster University, Stifel Nicolaus, St. Louis Blues, NSI Marketing Services, Fleishman-Hillard, Inc., St. Louis Cardinals, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, US Bancorp CDC and DESCO Group.

On Thursday evening, from 5:00 to 7:30, we'll host a "**Downtown Next**" **Open House at the Old Post Office**. Stop by to learn what over 1100 people from throughout the region have said they would like to see for downtown over the coming years. The process builds on the impressive progress over the past decade since adoption of the Downtown Now plan and looks at the opportunities and challenges that lie before us. If you plan to come, please rsvp to reserve@downtownstl.org.

The June 6 **Downtown Living Tour attracted over 600 people** to view 18 residential properties and take in all that downtown has to offer as a neighborhood. Reports from leasing agents and brokers along with attendee surveys have been very positive.

Among the MLB All Star Week activities will be a **free concert under the Arch on Saturday, July 11**. Sheryl Crow performs at 8:00 p.m. after a full-day of activities on the Arch Grounds. Last year's performer, Bon Jovi, performed in New York's Central Park.

You may have already seen the six 9-½ foot **Arches decorated for the All Star Game** that have been placed in Kiener Plaza. Additional Arches are spread throughout the community including on Old Post Office Plaza, and will be on display until early August. You can purchase one for your later use through the Sports Commission.

The **Mormon Tabernacle Choir performed at Scottrade Center** Saturday evening, their fourth time in St. Louis and the first visit since 1958. Interesting to note that their performance here in 1893 was the very first outside of the State of Utah.


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