

WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
28 MARCH 2013

Call to Order: Dave Borton, President, called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm at the home of Gordon MacDermott.

Attending: Dave Borton, Gordon MacDermott, Greg Reel, Richard Cunningham, Donny Sellenrieck, Victoria DeWitt, Ben Negrete, and Vicki Fernandez.

Minutes: from Annual meeting discussed, though not approved. All had not seen them.

Treasurer's Report: There have been \$880.00 received in dues since the beginning of the year. Our balance is now \$2,099.00. A total of 65 households have renewed so far vs. 91 at this time last year. This led to a discussion regarding what we can do to increase membership.

New Business:

Recap of the Annual Meeting: We discussed shortening the speaker times from 30 min. to 20 min. because people started leaving early. Though, we must take into account the uncomfortable exchange between Bob and the speakers. The speakers handled him in the end, but it was off putting. The sandwich platter was a big hit. We had left over fruit, cheese, juice, coffee, and sodas. We should adjust next time.

Nominating Committee Report: Victoria, Richard, and Greg are on the committee. We have an opening on the Board, since we can now assume that Chuck Eisenhower is no longer interested due to his lack of response to Dave's attempts to contact him. Anna Sellenrieck is interested. It was mentioned that Dawn Weathersby was interested per a note on her membership form. No one has spoken to Dawn regarding this. She is to be contacted by **Ben**. If she is interested, **Richard** will be notified, he will speak to her, make a recommendation to the nominating committee, and the Board will vote by email. Donny expressed his discomfort about being involved in the voting process, given that his wife is running. We will let him decide how he wants to handle it. If Dawn is not interested, perhaps she can be involved in other ways.

Increasing Membership: We discussed sending out a flyer recapping the Annual Meeting, with photos, and including a membership form. **Dave** will create a flyer, which will also include info on the National Night Out. We will ask for volunteers to host. We will not include an envelope. We discussed adding info on Get Ready. **Victoria** will speak to Arun Tandavan, from MMRC, regarding the possibility of having his help in getting the classes going.

Ongoing Projects:

Grove Hill: The Architect has now completed his plan, which includes an ADA portion of the trail with an outlook. Cost estimate is \$250,000.00. We now need to work with the Grove Hill residents to show them the benefits of having the trail.

G street Town Home Proposal: Again, it will be between Ida and G st. Eight town homes have been proposed with several variances requested. Residents are concerned re possible increase of parking issues. The meeting is 3 April.

Email received: From an Alexander Ave resident regarding people working at/from the businesses parking in the neighborhood. He has written letters to the city about this. **Dave** will monitor the situation.

A list of projects were discussed and assigned:

Disaster Prep: Victoria offered to contact and discuss the Get Ready classes with Arun of the MMRC.

National Night Out: We will shoot for 4 parties, 2 on each side of the Mile. Gordy offered to host one and to speak to Peggy Rudy at the Police Dept. re coordination. Dave, Donny, and Richard are also interested in helping with this.

Grove Hill Pathway: Dave, Richard, and Gordy will continue to work on this.

Annual Picnic: All

Pumpkin Carving Event: Donny will coordinate.

Web Site: Richard will do this; Vicki will help with photo uploading.

Federation Rep/City Liaison: Greg will continue, though the group seems to be in somewhat of a state of disorder since the death of Steve Patterson. More to follow...

City Planning Reviews: Victoria will continue with this due to her valuable experience.

Ben will begin learning as well.

Newsletters: Janis will continue to put them together. Janis, Gordy, Ben and Dave will continue to distribute the newsletters and flyers.

Welcome Package: Mary Miller has been distributing them but they need updating.

Gordy will review the package and update.

West End Beautification: The median along West End Street needs maintenance with weed pulling and removal of debris. Gordy has been taking care of this. Ben will help.

Our next meeting will be changed from 23 May to 15 May, a Wednesday evening.

Donny has volunteered his home at 5 Elkin Ct.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Fernandez