

WARD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2005 20 attended at the YMCA

13 steering committee members present: Anne Risen, Paula Stolp, Susan Miller, DeWayne Severson, Traci Messner, Garry Sherwood, Mary Mickel, Susan Kayser, Rick Kayser, Susan Kayser, John Hibbard, Curtis Goodson, Laurie Forcier, Bob Schwartz Also present: Angela Ziel, Jeff Baldwin, Matt Decker-Maurer, Mary Jurmain, , Mike Rindo, Crispin Pierce, Terri Stanley

Meeting called to order at 7:10 by President Curtis Goodson

February minutes approved with the addition of correspondence from 2/11/05 regarding website.

Treasurer's report: Curtis Goodson was paid for the signs. Note made that we need to report on how we will use grant money

Committee Reports:

By-Laws: John Hibbard has shared proposed bylaws revision with this committee. Committee will meet again 5/16.

Code Enforcement: Has not met. Garry spoke of a need to work on getting the city to enforce codes when violations are observed, not only by complaint. We have info. on the website and a pamphlet on who to call for violations. The fraternity at 809 Graham has violated the conditional use permit. Mr. Guettinger said that if the conditional use permit is revoked the current residents may continue to live there but would have to take down the fraternity signs. Jodi Thesing-Ritter from the University is working with the police dept. encouraging them to write and report citations and levy fines. The University will put a letter in the student file. Mike Rindo encouraged Garry Sherwood to notify Jodi Thesing-Ritter of his concerns. Garry and Terri have notified the national fraternity office with a response of "we'll look into it." John Hibbard noted that there appears to be evidence of increased attempts to enforce code violations. The code enforcement committee is also working on getting landlords to clean up parking areas and provide adequate parking for residents.

Home Ownership: Mike Rindo floated the idea of a walk to work/home ownership program with the Randall Park Association and suggested involving North Riverfront as well.

Newsletter: A request for articles was made. We are aiming for another newsletter in August. Terri Stanley shared a newsletter from the Otter Creek Neighborhood Association.

Parks: Bob has talked to Phil Johnson, city parks director, about some ideas for Demmler Park. Also a wetlands specialist at the University is being consulted for ideas for Kappus Park.

Steering Committee: According to the bylaws, the treasurer should lead a meeting if the President is unable to attend. Some agreed that a more "social" meeting could be beneficial.

Discussed: Should we still meet if there is not a quorum?

TPPS: Terri: the city attorney has the last items agreed on with the university; Terri reported that she sent to the city atty. what Andy Soll said he thought the University would agree on. We are waiting for the city attny's draft of these items. The TPPS committee is requesting a copy of the notes from the last meeting.

Web Site: Jill has added links to historic homes information, which sets the stage for an online tour. A new neighbor, Matt Decker-Maurer offered his expertise in web development.

Other Reports:

Garry is checking on pricing for the neighborhood pamphlet and will contact Anne.

New Business:

Motion was made and carried to accept a Union Logo on printed material if the bid is competitive.

DeWayne Severson suggested a garden walk/house tour as a fund raising idea and agreed to chair a committee to pursue the idea.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Risen

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