

Minutes
TWNA
July 12, 2007

Steering Committee members present: Harriet Allen, Kathy Buchholz, Stan Carpenter, Carlyn Conway, Jeremy Gragert, Maria Henly, Rick Kayser, Sue Kayser, Mary Mickel, Susan K. Miller, Bob Schwartz, Catherine Sinkewicz.

Others Present: Duane Hookom, Mike Rindo.

The meeting was called to order at 7.05 by Chair Stan Carpenter.

1. A motion was made and passed to elect Duane Hookom to the Steering Committee.
2. Treasurer's Report: Maria reported \$1108 in the treasury with one bill to disperse.
3. Newsletter Committee: The Committee met July 9th and plan the following topics for the September Newsletter: pictures from the root beer graduation party and July 4th block parties, parking update by Tom Kemp, gardening by Rick, Community Table article, and notices of the neighborhood picnic Sept. 9th and annual meeting September 11th.
4. Annual meeting: Stan will call to reserve the library for the annual meeting Sept. 11th. We need a quorum of 25 people. We discussed using posters or post cards to notify neighbors of the annual meeting and the picnic.
5. State Street Motion: A motion was made and passed to form a small committee (Stan Carpenter, Susan K. Miller, Craig Falkner, and hopefully Pat Ivory.). The Committee was instructed to discuss the State St. housing issues, and then initiate conversation with Cary Osborn, stressing that the TWNA will not accept zoning changes on State St., but perhaps may consider conditional use permits.
6. Saving large Historic houses: Stan said he and Jim Massey have discussed forming a corporation to obtain grants and make it possible to purchase historic houses and restore them.
7. Mike Rindo: Mike reported that UWEC has no interest in leasing the Buffington house. The Children's center also is not much interested in such a lease. The Chancellor prefers to work with the community, and neighbors will be included in strategic planning. He was dismayed that there seemed to be some animosity toward UWEC at our last meeting. TWNA explained to Mike that the negative feelings stem from past history of UWEC purchasing neighborhood homes and later razing them for parking lots. Historical difficulties resolving parking issues were also mentioned.

The TWNA realizes that Chancellor Levin-Stankevich was not a part of these difficulties, and that currently The Bridge Coalition, and the recent parking resolution are good examples of the Third Ward and UWEC working together. Mike will talk to the grounds crew about not spraying the grass just before the outdoor Summer concerts.

8. Festivals: Summerfest will be July 28th. Also coming up are the International Fall Festival, and The Blues Festival. We will not be selling pies at the Blues Festival this year, but Susan suggested we sell them at a Thursday night band concert at Owen Park.
9. Fireworks: Sue Kayser has been contacted about an increase in fireworks at public functions. Stan will talk to Tom Kemp about fireworks and also about parking on the curve of Roosevelt Ave.
10. Brandon Buchanan: As a member of city council, he holds listening sessions before each meeting, and publishes City Council voting in Vol. One.

The meeting adjourned at 8.15.

Kathy Buchholz
Secretary