

MINUTES for NDRA MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Thursday, August 31 7:00pm | Central Library, Jefferson Room

Present: Heather Hill (President), Jon Bright (VP), Dave Groff (Secretary), Jim Neale, Mark Kavit, Jane Myers, Rebecca Quinn, Diana Filipi, Maureen Deane

Absent: Stephanie Bolton, Jessica Baker, Bernie Martin (Treasurer)

Guests: Patty Myatt, Bob Fenwick, Anne Hemenway, Genevieve Keller (Planning Commission), Andrew Mondschein (UVA Dept of Urban and Environmental Planning), [2 UVA Colleagues whose names I can't find]

Treasurer's Report - current account balance is \$2,246.30.

Approval of Outstanding Minutes: *June minutes were approved unanimously (7:29).*

Guests Presentation: Community-Centered Urban Sensing: (7:05-7:25)

- *UVA, in partnership with the City of Charlottesville, are working to develop better data and maps on nighttime light, noise and pollution in North Downtown, to inform community members when considering street, public space and development choices.*
- *2 pilot areas are currently being studied this fall: North Downtown and Fifeville.*
- *They are attempting to quantify how it feels to be on the street at night, with respect to light levels & noise.*
- *Users can anonymously input their own photos, comments and other data.*
- *NDRA is glad to be part of the program but are curious about what the City will do with the data to help improve our streets. What is the City's commitment to the project?*

Old Business:

A. Roundtable on July 8th and August 12th Events: (7:30-8:10)

- *There was lengthy discussion from the Board Members regarding the City's actions and response to these events:*
 - *Concerns over the lack of communication from the City*
 - *It was noted that during the Occupy Protests, NDRA received daily updates from Dave Norris, Maurice Jones and other city staff.*
 - *Downtown businesses voiced their concerns at least 30 days prior to these events.*
 - *How can NDRA contribute to the Evaluation and Review process?*
 - *We want a direct line of communication between NDRA and Tim Haefe (sp.? TITLE?) during the official review process.*
 - *The front page of the City's website has a new "Infohub"*
 - *Mr. Fenwick noted that he believes the City and Police had a police had a well-planned, unified command set up throughout the events. However, they chose not to disclose their plans beforehand so as not to tip off the protestors. He has created www.cvillecitizen.com to catalogue the events.*

B. MACAA Property Redevelopment

- *7 neighbors and Board Members met with City Planners on August 3 to learn about the PUD proposal.*
- *There was a public discussion at the August 8 Planning Commission meeting, although no vote was taken due to the upcoming changes to the proposal.*
- *A new PUD application and Planning Commission vote will take place in the future.*

C. Annual Event Planning Updates

- *All jobs have been taken care of and flyers were distributed to Board Members so that they may be delivered 2 weeks prior to event.*

New Business:

D. BAR Update

- *Discussion focused on making sure that the City enforces the rules and regulations that it currently has on the books. NDRA can continue to monitor the neighborhood and check the City's website to ensure that permits are obtained when necessary and that there is an open process for communicating with the City.*

E. Mail Delivery

- *There are currently 14 unfilled postal carrier positions, contributing to the spotty mail service.*

F. Long Range Projects and Preparing for Neighborhood Grant Opportunities

- *Discussion was deferred until next month regarding 2nd street, Birdwood, and other projects.*

Next NDRA/North Downtown meeting Thursday, September 28, 7pm, Central Library, Jefferson Room