

MINUTES for NDRA MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Thursday, December 8th 2016 7:00pm | Central Library, Jefferson Room

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

Absent: Maureen Deane, Stephanie Bolton, Jessica Baker

Guests: Linda Goldstein, Janet Morrow, Lakshmi Fjord, Ethan Tate, Bob Fenwick

Treasurer's Report - \$2025, and approximately \$300 additional funds to be transferred in via Paypal.

Old Business:

A. Neighborhood Walkability Initiatives and Next Steps

Rebecca gave a synopsis of the neighborhood "walk-about" and ensuing meetings. Specific areas of focus are:

- *Street Lights*
 - *there is an online form to report outages.*
 - *NDRA will submit an up-to-date list of problem poles to the city, in lieu of individual reports.*
- *Sidewalks*
 - *Maintaining a 36" clearance for all sidewalks is important for the city. We should report any violations so these areas can be prioritized.*
- *Birdwood sidewalks and their connectivity to McIntire.*
 - *There are numerous cases of steep sidewalks and non-existent connections around the Covenant School.*
 - *There are funds for the completion of these projects in the City's Capital Improvements Budget.*
 - *NDRA shall advocate to have these funds used to complete the project(s).*
 - *Mr. Fenwick recommended that we have face-to-face conversations with Council Members.*
 - *The City has also committed to many other similar projects. Can we find a list to hold them accountable?*
 - *How can we help the City prioritize improving walkability issues?*
 - *NDRA (Heather Hill), with Linda Goldstein's support, will follow up with the city*

B. Property Maintenance on Altamont Street

What can be done about derelict properties on Altamont Street? There are two city staff members who say they have no authority to help. Who has the jurisdiction to have these properties condemned or to force the owners to make basic improvements?

- *It was recommended that NDS leadership (i.e. Alex Ikefuna) be notified of issues residents continue to have with NDS reception personnel*
- *Craig Fabio can likely help with the Altamont properties.*
- *Rebecca Quinn will look into reporting options, and individuals are also encouraged to report possible infractions to the City.*

C. Recap from October Neighborhood Leaders Meeting with City Manager

- *There is no demolition plan for the Jessup House*
- *Asphalt and paint repairs have been used to repair sidewalks lately. They are slippery when wet and unsafe to walk on, in addition to being disruptive aesthetically.*
- *Any obstruction reducing sidewalks to below 36" is an ADA violation and will be fixed and should be flagged for prioritization.*

D. Other Items (as time permits)

Traffic, speeding and lack of Police presence were of concern for several in attendance. Issues surrounding the ongoing Landmark Hotel development were also discussed. Finding ways to hold City staff accountable was a recurring topic of discussion throughout the meeting.

Next NDRA/North Downtown meeting Thursday, January 26 7pm, Madison Room Central Library