

**MINUTES for NDRA MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**  
**Thursday, February 23rd 7:00pm | Central Library, Jefferson Room**

**Present:** Heather Hill (President), Jon Bright (VP), Dave Groff (Secretary), Bernie Martin (Treasurer), Mark Kavit, Jane Myers, Rebecca Quinn, Maureen Deane, Jessica Baker, Diana Filipi,

**Absent:** Jim Neale, Stephanie Bolton

**Guests:** Collette Hall, Otis Collier, Bob Fenwick

**Treasurer's Report** - \$2097.51

**Approval of Any Outstanding Minutes:** *feedback provided for January minutes, which were then approved, pending revisions.*

**A. Guest Introduction:**

*Otis Collier, Master Officer with the Charlottesville Police Department assigned to crime and prevention.*

- *Mr. Collier is in charge of the North side of the city. He's 1 of 4 members of the crime and prevention unit.*
- *City Police are trying to move towards using a "problem-oriented model"*
  - *restructuring of the force may be coming*
- *There are currently officers policing the mall from 7:00am-5:00pm. There are no night shifts right now.*
- *For non-urgent problems, Mr. Collier is the best person to contact ([collier@charlottesville.org](mailto:collier@charlottesville.org))*
  - *the City's non-urgent phone number is 434-977-9041*
- *If we'd like to meet our neighborhood officers, he can arrange it.*
- *They are planning a National Night Out event for early August*

**Old Business:**

**B. Update on State Legislation for Airbnb**

- *It appears as though the state will allow localities to regulate their own short-term stay policies.*

**C. Scheduling Altamont Street Walk with Zoning Administrator**

- *A meeting will be coordinated in the next 2 weeks with Ethan Tate, Mark Kavit, Rebecca Quinn, Read Broadhead & Lakshmi Fjord.*

**D. Other Items**

- *2nd Street Rat Problem*
  - *Call the City's Public Utility department and ask if sewer work is being done in the area. They may direct you elsewhere, but this is a good place to start.*

**New Business:**

**E. Reflectors for Bump Outs on Park Street**

- *Initially the bump outs were covered with tape, then reflectors, and now tape is being used again.*
- *Should we advocate for new (more costly) reflectors?*
- *NDRA will incorporate recommendations into Walkability Study.*
- *We will get the traffic engineers involved - perhaps schedule a walk-thru.*

**F. Alignment on content and distribution of survey to NDRA distribution list regarding Lee Statue**

- *A NDRA survey seems like a good idea for the Board to take the pulse of the neighborhood.*
- *Mr. Fenwick gave us a recap of his City Council votes and reviewed the process that got us to this point.*
- *Heather will get additional informed perspectives regarding the wording and order of the survey before finalizing and sending to the Board for final approval.*

**G. Other Items**

- *Collette stated that, according to our Bylaws, NDRA is supposed to be non-partisan & non-sectarian.*
- *Heather sub sequentially apologized for posting her announcement to run for City Council on the NDRA site. She will remove it as soon as possible.*
- *The Board reiterated that it will neither endorse nor announce future candidates.*

**Next NDRA/North Downtown meeting Thursday, February 30th 7pm, Jefferson Room Central Library**