

MINUTES for NDRA MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Thursday, January 26th 7:00pm | Central Library, Madison Room

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

Absent: Diana Filipi, Bernie Martin (Treasurer)

Guests: Robert Brandon Smith

Treasurer's Report - \$2090.51

Approval of Any Outstanding Minutes: *feedback provided and final distributed via email for December Meeting.*

Old Business:

A. Feedback from City Regarding Walkability Initiative, Next Steps

Heather and Rebecca met with city representatives to discuss our findings. They were receptive to our input and provided the following feedback:

- *new sidewalks are the responsibility of NDS.*
- *existing maintenance is the responsibility of Public Works.*

We will finalize the report and submit to the City.

B. Feedback from City Regarding Reporting Property Maintenance Issues, Next Steps

- *Mark suggests having a city staff member (Patricia Carrington?) walk Altamont Street with a group of neighbors and NDRA Board Members to show and discuss property maintenance issues.*
- *Heather will include the City's recommendations in the next NDRA mass-email.*

C. Other Items

None

New Business:

D. Recap from January Neighborhood Alliance Meeting

- *Issues the majority of the Neighborhood Organizations were interested in:*
 - *Overdevelopment/ High Impact Development*
 - *Multi-Modal Transportation*
 - *Traffic & Speeding*
- *The Covenant School sidewalk was "In Development" in 2014, but the City made an oversight and are now trying to find the funds to prioritize it in 2017.*

E. Recap from January Neighborhood Leaders Meeting with City Manager

Jon, Heather & Rebecca attended and gave a recap of the Strategic Investment Area (SIA) candidate search:

- *New structural changes in Public Works/Utilities will occur after new director takes over.*
- *there are pending changes to the Snow Removal Policy.*
- *the asphalt that is being used to repair sidewalks is supposed to help eliminate the future damage from underground tree roots, since asphalt is more flexible than concrete.*
 - *We requested that they use a paint that is less slippery.*

F. Planning for 2017 Events

We hope to organize the following events:

- *a late winter/early spring event @ 400 East High Street*
- *June wine and cheese party*
- *a croquet tournament on Lyons Court*

G. Discussion of Potential Impact of Federal Funding Priorities on Local Projects

No Discussion

H. Other Items

A new membership flyer will be updated and distributed shortly.

Next NDRA/North Downtown meeting Thursday, February 23rd 7pm, Jefferson Room Central Library