

MINUTES for NDRA MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Thursday, September 29th 2016 7:00pm | Central Library, Jefferson Room

Present: Jon Bright (President), Heather Hill (VP), Bernie Martin (Treasurer), Jim Neale, Dave Groff, Diana Filipi, Mark Kavitt, Jane Myers, Stephanie Bolton

Absent: Jessica Baker, Maureen Deane, Rebecca Quinn,

Guests: None

Approval of Any Outstanding Minutes - August approved in advance via email

Treasurer's Report - \$1995.51 based on current deposits and checks written.

Old Business:

A. Recap/Follow Ups from Annual Event, Board Elections

Well attended with ambiance, food, and activities that were well received. Estimate 125-150 people in attendance throughout the afternoon. With very little outstanding, approximately \$250 spent vs. \$1600 budget. Desire to expand the restaurants we engage through earlier and broader outreach. Two new board members elected: Stephanie Bolton and Rebecca Quinn – welcome!

B. Final Preparations for Oct 1st Neighborhood Walkability Event

Mark, Heather, Rebecca, Diana to attend from the Board. Heather described that the neighborhood from Market St to Rt 250 and 8th St to McIntire has been divided into four sections with maps for marking up and pages for supplemental notes and outline of criteria to be assessed will be provided. Output from the event will be summarized, reviewed by event participants followed by the Board, then submitted to appropriate City staff. While we don't anticipate everything being addressed in short order, feel by making a proactive effort and continuing to follow up, progress will be made. Board discussion of some anticipated issues, including utility pole placement and asphalt being put in place of more traditional sidewalks, then painted in an attempt to make it appear more consistent with surrounding walks. Discussed having this raised at next Neighborhood Leaders Quarterly Meeting with City Manager's office.

C. Update from Design Review with City for Northwood/Nelson Permanent Streetscape

Two face to face meetings took place during September, the first at City Hall and the second at the intersection site, both with broad representation from the City and its contractors as well as neighborhood stakeholders. The main items discussed were location, type, and maintenance of proposed plantings for the soft scape areas created with this design. Three households have offered to formally maintain these areas as part of the "Adopt A Spot" program. The City is finalizing plans so the project may go out for bid with a target implementation of next Spring/Summer with the plantings following in the fall.

D. Other (as time permits)

New Business:

E. Officer Elections

The following officers were voted in by the Board for the 2016-2017 year:

President: Heather Hill

Vice President: Jon Bright

Treasurer: Bernie Martin

Recording Secretary: Dave Groff

F. Committee Assignments (:10) – see notes below

The following reflects updated committee assignments. Outreach by Board to potential non-Board committee members is pending. Heather to include summary in next communication to our distribution list.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH *Heather Hill (chair), Diana Filipi, Jim Neale, Maureen Dean, Jon Bright, Patty Myatt, Sarah Peaslee, Stephanie Bolton*

- Maintaining and expanding association **membership**
- Neighborhood **communications** (website, email, flyers, Facebook)
- Coordinating and deploying team of **Block Captains** to distribute materials, welcome new neighbors
- Organize neighborhood **activities/events**
- Identify/address **issues and interests** around the neighborhood

NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT *Jon Bright, Mark Kavit, Dave Groff, Rebecca Quinn*

- Engage in active BAR and zoning discussions that impact NDRA, directly and indirectly
- Address active concerns and opportunities related to traffic and pedestrian/bicyclist safety

ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS MEMBERS: *Jon Bright, Jim Neale*

- Review, propose, and execute **updates to By-Laws** to best meet the needs of the current organization

DOWNTOWN MALL *Jim Neal, Bernie Martin, Maureen Deane, Rebecca Quinn*

- Engage in ongoing discussions/work sessions related to the current state and opportunities for improvement of conditions on the mall

G. Other Items (as time permits)

Jon raised removal of the Jessup house as coming up in discussions related to expansion of the courts. Mark raised the "Mindful Growth" initiative around MJNA related to the physicians building at Jefferson/10th/11th. If anyone is interested in having one of these signs in their yard, contact Mark.

Next NDRA/North Downtown meeting Thursday, October 27th 7pm, Jefferson Room Central Library