

NDRA Board/ND Meeting - March 26, 2009 –Central Library

In attendance: Colette Hall, Chair; Board: Ernie Reed (acting recording secretary), Mark Kavitt, Pat Napoleon, June West, Debra Weiss, Ted Jones, Alex Ix and Bill Sampson (guest/appointed board member-see notes)

1. Minutes of January 29, 2009 were approved without discussion: Debra moved/Pat 2<sup>nd</sup>.
2. Treasurer's Report (Burnie was absent and submitted report after the meeting electronically)

**Treasurer's Report**  
**March 26, 2009 (since 1.29.09)**

Ending Balance       \$ 1286.43

**Summary:**

Income:	\$ 286.10
Expense	<u>117.72</u>
Change:	\$ 168.38

3. Bill Sampson was appointed to the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy from Dianne's resigning: Mark moved/June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
4. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. McIntire Park
    1. There are two organizations working to preserve McIntire Park: The Coalition to Preserve McIntire Park (of which NDRA is a member) and Save the Park ([www.saveMcintire.com](http://www.saveMcintire.com)); two videos are on line showing the area of east McIntire Pk. that will be destroyed if the road (MCP) goes from Melbourne Rd. to 250 Bypass).
    2. Judge Swett in his March 18 ruling, ruled against the injunction 1) CPMP does have standing in the case; 2) CPMP could have filed in a more timely manner and at this point an injunction would be prohibitively costly to the State; and 3) there are no State precedents in case of transfer of land from the City of Charlottesville to VDOT that the case may ultimately have to be decided (pending appeals) by the Virginia Supreme Court.
    3. Next Court date is May 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9am, location TBA.
    4. The (federal) Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has decided to participate in the consultation for Section 106 review process.
    5. The Army Corps of Engineers 106 Consulting Party and permitting hearing is April 7 at VDOT in Charlottesville and, as NDRA is a consulting party, Colette and Ernie will attend the hearing.
  - B. Burnie was absent and did not submit a Membership Renewal Update although it was noted that we need more paid members so that we can represent a larger number of north downtown residents. We also need new blood to fill several Board vacancies in September.

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- C. Alliance of Neighborhoods First Meeting was 3/17/09. Colette (Treasurer/NDRA representative) and Ernie (alternate representative) attended. 8 neighborhoods were represented (7 city/1 county) The first Forum was on the topic of Meadowcreek Sewer Connector which is a city/county issue-most of the infrastructure is in city but it services many county residents.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Planning and Coordinating Council Meeting of 2/19/09. PACC is a joint council consisting of the City, County and UVA. It meets 4 times a year (May 21/August 20/November 19 @ 2pm, Room 241 of County Office Building. Three main points Colette reported:
  - 1. All are vying for portion of federal economic stimulus package monies through competitive grants. City Schools will get \$2.5m for Title One students and the County will get \$3.8m.
  - 2. Recommended the formation of a Task Force on Affordable Housing/Regional Housing Fund and to continue to support Piedmont Housing Alliance and Albemarle Housing Partnership
  - 3. UVA must/will get involved in being party to creating and implementing solutions to public housing problems.
- B. Ernie did not attend the Regional Transportation Meeting and, therefore, submitted no report. He apologized to the board.
- C. Budget Public Hearing and Community Forum:
  - 1. all important city decisions are made, predicated on whether there is money and how much (can we do it and can we afford it?).
  - 2. The City has proposed money from the "Council Reserve" for 3 new projects including a "race relations dialogue".
  - 3. April 6 City Council Meeting will have second Public Hearing on the Budget
- D. Police District 3 and 4 Report
  - 1. key points included Noise Ordinance and
  - 2. Police can be given permission by landowners to remove loiterers from their property
- E. Planning Commission
  - 1. The city wants to increase density around bus routes
  - 2. Increase tree coverage to 40%
  - 3. Emphasis on developing the Rivanna River Corridor
  - 4. Aligning Comprehensive Plan and Zoning
- F. Bumpouts
  - 1. Elvira Hoskins has been unable to implement work on Bumpouts on Parkway and Park Plaza; volunteers are needed
- G. Mark presented information on the "Parking Exempt Zone" where developers are presently not required to provide parking; there will be a joint public hearing to address this April 14
- H. Mark presented information on the legality of creating driveway access from McIntire Road to the rear of homes on Altamont Street. – Motion

made: ***NDRA is opposed to driveway access for homes on Altamont Street to McInitre Road because of because of traffic safety and steepness of grade. If the city should approve such access then the plan should include landscape aspects so that it is not an eyesore.*** Mark moved/Ted 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed, Ernie abstained.

- I. Debra reported on her project “Wordplay”, April 23d at the Omni, a benefit for Literacy Volunteers, includes dinner.  
[www.cvillewordplay.org](http://www.cvillewordplay.org).

Next NDRA meeting, Thursday, April 30, 7:00pm central Library, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Jefferson Room.