

Minutes for NDRA/ND Meeting  
Thursday, September 24 2009, 7 P.M., Central Library, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

In attendance: Board: Debra Weiss, Mark Kavit, Bill Sampson, Richard Berman, Colette Hall, Jane Myers, Bernie Davis, Alex Ix

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Colette Hall

The minutes from the August 27, 2009 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: \$1,176.98

**ELECTION of BOARD OFFICERS:** The nominations for NDRA Board officers were unanimously approved: Colette Hall as President, Mark Kavit as Vice President, Jane Myers as Secretary and Bill Sampson as Treasurer. Mark Kavit accepted the Vice Presidency with his proviso that he won't become President in future years.

Old Business:

A. Critique of picnic and thank you notes: There were around 30 people who attended NDRA/ND's annual picnic at which dues were collected from 25 households. New ways to publicize this event were considered that might attract more of our neighbors next year. We thanked Hill and Wood for providing the tent, and Pete and Alex, the musicians. Debbie got back from Christians' the mistaken overcharge of \$50 for the pizza. Candidate Paul Long wrote us a thank you note for providing City Council candidates a venue for meeting the public.

B. MCP, McIntire Park, 250 Interchange Update:

1. USACE's Memorandum of Agreement: The Board approved Colette's letter rejecting USACE's MOA and demanding more extensive mitigation of the adverse effects from the new sewer line, the MCP and the 250 interchange. On Oct. 29, there will be a public hearing on the 250 Interchange Design, the date previously scheduled for our monthly NDRA board meeting which we cancelled so that all may attend this important hearing.

2. RWSA easement requested by VDOT: At their Sept. 21st meeting, the City Council deferred its decision on the RWSA easement for a new sewer line through McIntire Park until the Oct. 5th City Council meeting. The 40-foot wide easement would require permanent removal of all the trees in its path, thereby eliminating most of the promised screening of historic properties from the noise and sight of the MCP and the 250 interchange. But, by installing a new sewer line during the MCP construction, the City will save \$800,000 which VDOT will partially pay for construction of that sewer line.

3. The Coalition to Preserve McIntire Park (NDRA is a member) plans to send a letter to former Senator John Warner regarding the reapplication of the Federal funds originally allocated for the 250 Interchange.

A letter may be sent to our Federal Senators and Congressman explaining VDOT's two conflicting plans for the Interchange construction. (Congressman Perriello evinced concern about the lack of a southern terminus in the proposed design at a past meeting of CPMP and the Congressman.) NDRA members were encouraged to write our Senators and Congressman letters to garner their support with specificity, using photos, maps, documents, etc.

4. Advisory Council Historic Preservation meeting with 106 Consulting Parties on Oct. 9: Colette will attend this meeting to enjoin ACHP's assistance in bringing about more substantial mitigation for the damage done to historic properties by the proposed MCP and 250 interchange design. FHWA has so far declined to attend this meeting.

C. The ARC Board may request rezoning of ARC Park St. properties. NDRA would oppose the rezoning which would damage the residential character of the neighborhood.

D. Report on the Walk with the City Manager on Sept. 10, 2009: The Assistant City Manager, Maurice Jones, replaced City Manager, Gary O Connell, and City Planner, Nick Rogers, replaced Neighborhood Planner, Brian Haluska. Ruth Stornetta delivered a report on the issues presented during the Walk.

Pat Napoleon offered a list of sidewalks in need of repair, which we gave to Maurice Jones who promised to check it against the master list of sidewalks already scheduled for repair.

Residents on 4th Street were disturbed by a noisy HVAC at 414 4th St. NE but the unit was not running when we walked by there to hear it.

Ruth Stornetta led us to McGuffey Park to point out where teenagers have recently been congregating at nighttime, committing illegal acts and disturbing McGuffey Hill residents. Maurice Jones will check with Police Chief Longo to determine that he is aware of this situation.

New Business:

A. Hands Across McIntire Park: All are encouraged to attend this event to demonstrate support for the preservation of McIntire Park on Sunday, September 26 at 2 P.M.

B. Matters by Directors: Pat Napoleon will attend the Neighborhood City Manager's Meeting for Colette while she is out of town.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jane Myers, NDRA Secretary

REMINDER: The next NDRA meeting 7 pm, Thursday, December 3, Central Library