MINUTES for NDRA MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Thursday, February 23rd 7:00pm I 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, Jesica 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)
     • 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