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